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New moves against Ulster border terrorism

New measures to combat terrorism in south Armagh were announced by the Prime Minister in the Commons yesterday. They will include more checkpoints for vehicles and people, greater use of personal identity checks and increased surveillance operations along the Irish Republic's border. Mr Rees, the Secretary of State, said he was reconvening the Northern Ireland Constitutional Convention from February 3, with a four-week deadline to reconsider the recommendations made in the Ulster Unionists' majority report.

Greater use of personal identity checks

y Hugh Noyes
arliamentary Correspondent
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Mr Wilson made clear in the ommons yesterday that the eployment of the Special Air ervice Regiment, anti-guer- illa unit and the Army's pearhead Battalion in South rmagh was not a temporary neasure and would be sus- ained until the terrorists were outed.

The Prime Minister out- ined the measures being taken n Armagh in a statement ex- laining the sudden strengthen- ng of the security forces in eply to the atrocities com- nitted in recent weeks in the ounty on both sides of the eligious divide. He said MPs vould not expect him to pecify all the measures in etail, but they included more heckpoints for vehicles and eople and a more extensive use of personal identity checks.

The increased checks would nevitably cause some incon- enience but would have to be ccepted in the interests of the afety of the community as a whole. Surveillance would be ncreased, particularly along he border and, under the xisting powers of the Preven- ion of Terrorism (Temporary rovisions) Act, people within a mile of the border would be questioned more extensively.

Because of the intimidation of householders it would be necessary to make more house searches in the area, but there was no intention of harassing the civilian population. Existing powers to arrest and question suspects were adequate and would be used to the full to bring people before the courts. There was no intention of arresting people at random.

Mr Wilson pointed out that some of the gunmen operating in Armagh escaped to the other side of the border after their cowardly attacks. A number of practical steps were in hand, including a new information system based on automatic data processing, which the Army would be introducing to handle existing records. It would enable information to be processed and acted on more quickly.

Other security measures would involve closing more border roads and greater control over vehicle movement. One system being considered was the issuing of passes for vehicles using unapproved border roads, some of which would be permitted to remain open.

It would be necessary to ensure that any measures would be effective and not merely consume manpower without hindering the gunmen.

The Prime Minister said there was now close and valuable cooperation between the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the Irish Republic police. As a result of recent talks with Mr Cooney, the republic's Minister for Justice, communications and operational contacts between the police forces of both sides had been strengthened.

There had been fears, Mr Wilson said, that a whole series of reprisal murders from one faction and then the other might have followed the shooting down of the five Catholics murdered in their homes earlier this month and later the 10 Protestants returning home from work.

The Special Air Service Regiment would be used for patrolling and surveillance and would operate wherever required throughout the county. To anxious inquiries from his back benches, Mr Wilson replied that the SAS would be employed and deployed solely under the control of the General Officer Commanding, as soldiers doing their duty in dealing with terrorism.

If the situation was as serious in three months' time there would be no let-up. Extra police had already moved into the area, including the Special Patrol Group and the RUC's anti-assassination squad.

Our Defence Correspondent writes: The Prime Minister's announcement of a new computerized information service for the Army in Northern Ireland took the Ministry of Defence by surprise yesterday. Although a decision has been taken to acquire one, no details have yet been settled.

All army intelligence information is covered by a card-index system which makes checking and cross-checking a fairly ponderous operation. The new automatic data processing plant will enable the security forces to extract information on file at the touch of a button.

It should store details on suspects, vehicles, weapons and incidents. But the ministry said the information would be that already covered by the card-index system. It represented no new infringement of personal freedom and the Army would guard against improper disclosure of private detail.

The choice of system, the cost and the timing of its introduction have not yet been resolved.

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Mr Rees sets a deadline of four weeks

In a last desperate effort to rsuade Ulster politicians to cept the concept of power- aring as the basis for any ture government in the pro- ice, Mr Rees announced in e Commons that he was recon- ning the constitutional Con- ntion from February 3. He ve Convention members four eks to reconsider the recom- endations made in the Ulster ionists' majority' report ich, he made clear, did not ovide sufficient prospect for ble government.

No system of government hin Northern Ireland would stable or effective, Mr Rees d the House, unless both ts of the community uiesced in that system and e willing to support it. The ernment's view was that port from both sides of the munity did not exist at sent for the total system pro- ed in the report. The Con- tion's recommendations did not command sufficient acceptance throughout the community to provide stable and effective government.

A way would have to be found in which both communities could be involved in government in Northern Ireland. The prime requirement was for more widespread acceptance of any proposed system of government providing for some form of partnership and participation. Without that no political system in Northern Ireland could work, let alone survive.

The Secretary of State listed three matters he wanted the Convention to consider:

1. The possibility of committees as part of a wider and acceptable constitutional framework which would provide adequately for partnership and participation.
2. The matter of more widespread acceptance.
3. Whether progress could best be made through evolution.

The Government, he said, wanted the Convention to consider whether progress could be made by setting up a system of government which, though not temporary, was capable of evolving over a period of time into permanent and agreed constitutional arrangements.

From both sides of the House there was widespread approval for the new moves, and Mrs Thatcher, and later Mr Airey Neave, Conservative spokesman on Northern Ireland, gave almost unreserved support for what the Government was doing. Pressed by the Tory leader, Mr Wilson said that the new security measures in Armagh were not temporary but would be "determined and sustained".

There was surprisingly little opposition, too, for the tougher measures from the Government back benches. The only critical note came from Mr Heath, the former Tory leader, who said the Government were not going far enough. He warned Mr Wilson that the movement of forces so far sanctioned was inadequate to cover the security situation developing in Armagh.

He pointed out that at the time it was necessary for his Administration to deal with the no-go areas in Londonderry it was possible to do so only by the use of overwhelming force. Mr Heath felt that the deployment of the Spearhead Battalion and the SAS was not sufficient to restore the situation.

Later in the debate Mr Rees declared in no uncertain terms that the Government had no intention of allowing itself to be dictated to by the Convention members. Although accepting many of the recommendations in the majority report, he said he wanted to make clear that Northern Ireland would continue to be governed by and from Westminster. The Con-

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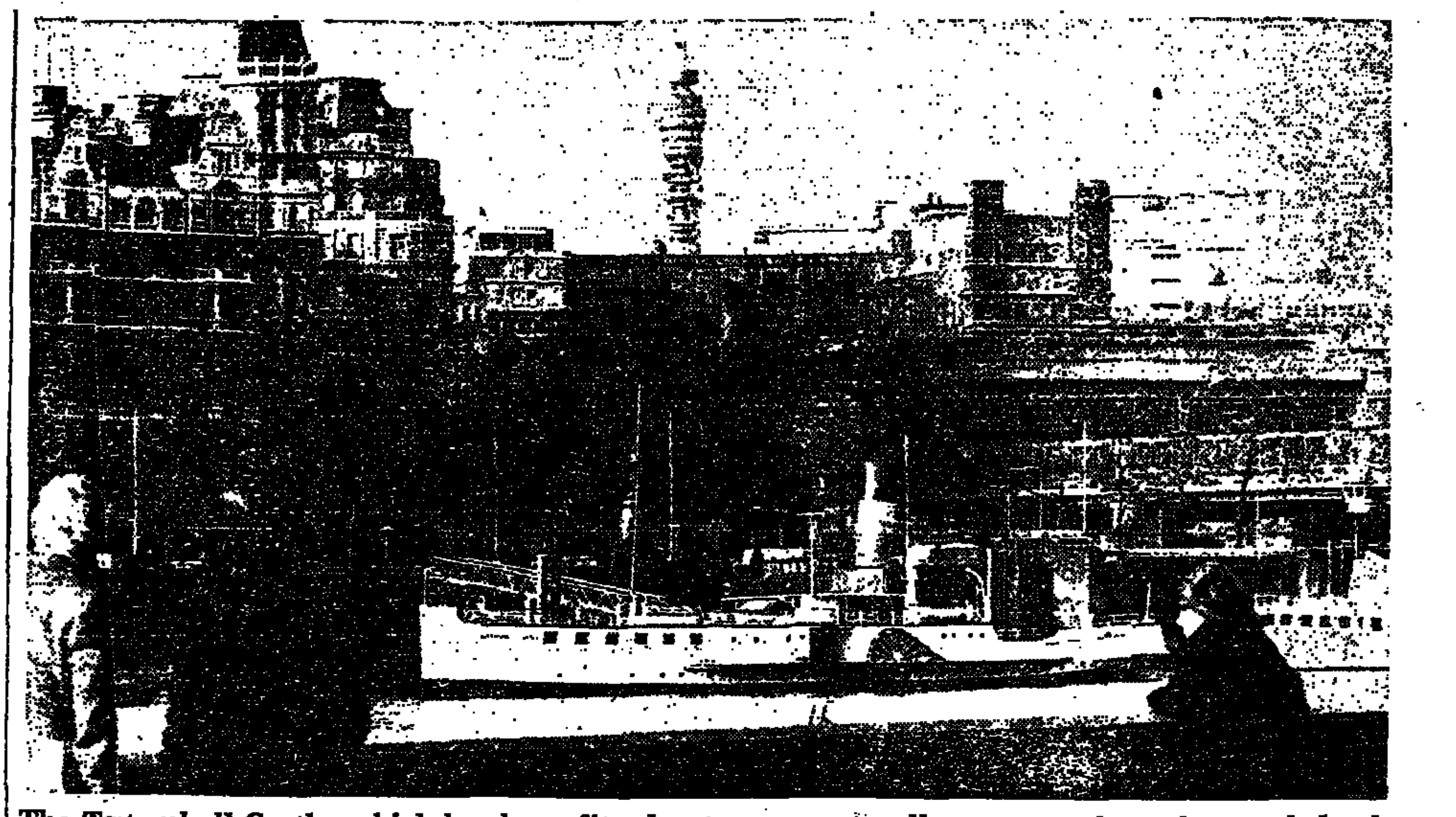

The Tattershall Castle, which has been fitted out as an art gallery, moored on the north bank of the Thames upriver of Hungerford Bridge.

Explosion halts rail services in Madrid

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, Jan 12

A warning that violence will not be tolerated came today from Señor Fraga Iribarne, the Minister of the Interior, only hours after a bomb exploded in a suburban underground railway tunnel in Madrid.

He said: "Whoever uses violence will come up against the full rigour of the law."

Workers demonstrated in many districts of Madrid today. The police used tear gas in the morning to disperse groups of protesters. The police also broke up another demonstration in the Plaza de España and were active in industrial suburbs. It was estimated that more than 100,000 workers were idle, including about 60,000 on strike in the construction industry and 35,000 locked out because of their industrial action.

The explosion put the underground railway line to the working class district of Carabanchel out of action for eight hours. It exploded just before the service was opened, and no one was hurt. Six more unexploded bombs were found in a tunnel near the station of Batan.

The wives of three of the 23 suspected strike leaders arrested over the weekend continued their hunger strike in a church in the suburb of Aluche. The police released two of the alleged leaders this morning. Those arrested are believed to be members of the Workers' Commissions, the illegal trade union movement.

Members of the Workers' Commissions met tonight to explain their demands. After a press conference they went to the Ministry of Finance where they tried to hand in a letter to the minister. The police using tear gas dispersed the demonstrators who were chanting "Amnesty and freedom".

One of the best known leaders of the Workers' Commission, Señor Macellino Camacho, has been refused reemployment by Motor Iberica, the car firm where he worked before his imprisonment in 1973. He was released under King Juan Carlos's general pardon in November. As the pardon is not an amnesty the firm is not obliged to take him back.

About 1,000 Madrid University students demonstrated on the campus today calling for an amnesty and greater freedom to take part in university matters.

Talks between underground railway workers and the management began today on the workers' demand for a reduction in hours from 44 to 40 a week and other benefits. The 4,000 workers have threatened to go on strike again if the company does not meet their demands within a week.

Bombs defused before Palestine debate at UN headquarters

From Peter Strafford
New York, Jan 12

Three pipe-bombs were discovered just outside the headquarters of the United Nations today as the Security Council prepared to begin its debate on the Middle East. United Nations officials said they had been found by a subway maintenance man and had been defused by the police bomb squad.

One of the bombs had been timed to explode half an hour before the opening of the debate. The assumption was that they would all have gone off together.

The headquarters library, which was in the area nearest to where the bombs had been found, was evacuated and the whole building was being closed to the public until further notice.

Meanwhile, Israel today decided to get its voice in first before the debate began. While members of the council held informal consultations, Mr Chaim Herzog, the Israeli representative, appeared before a Jewish-American group in New York to denounce its being held.

"We now see in the Security Council the development of a sinister plan evolved by Syria and the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization) with the support of the Soviet Union", he said. "The Foreign Minister of Syria declared openly that their purpose was toa destroy the existing mechanism for peace which has been achieved in the Middle East and to annul the existing agreement achieved between Israel and Egypt in the Sinai."

The debate had been called at the insistence of the Syrians to discuss the Middle East as a whole, and in particular the Palestinian question. Israel had announced that it would boycott it because of the invitation being made to the PLO to take part.

In his speech today, Mr Herzog made a virulent attack on the PLO which was based on "the most brutal terrorism", he said, and had as its aim the destruction of Israel. "Is there any self-respecting country which would agree to treat with a body whose sole declared purpose is to destroy it and whose aim is to draw concessions so that its destruction will be so much easier?"

The council debate, he considered, was part of a deliberate plan by the Syrians and the PLO to block the process of negotiation in the Middle East, and to set the stage, in political terms, for a renewal of hostilities in the area.

Underneath the rhetoric there is, of course, Israel concern over what could be decided in the debate. There is concern that the main centre for Middle East negotiations might be shifted from Geneva to New York, and that their basis might be changed by modifications in the basic Security Council resolutions on the subject.

Mr Herzog was asked at a press conference today what Israel would do if the council went farther in legitimizing the PLO. Any resolution which was unacceptable to Israel, he said, would join many others passed by the United Nations "in the waste paper basket".

On the other hand, he did not say clearly what Israel would do if there was a resolution which did no more than recognize the legitimate interests, or rights, of the Palestinian people. The question was hypothetical, he said.

Roger Berthoud writes: Mr Allon, Israel's Foreign Minister, and Mrs Golda Meir, the former Prime Minister, arrived together in London yesterday from Washington. Mr Allon's sole purpose was to discuss the Security Council debate with Mr Wilson and Mr Callaghan. His talks at 10 Downing Street last night lasted 40 minutes.

Mrs Meir is the guest of a number of Jewish organizations. On Thursday evening she will be attending a rally in Kensington.

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Heads to get guidance about caning of girls

The caning of girls is to be discussed by the executive of the National Association of Head Teachers in London next weekend. Mr Robert Cook, the general secretary, yesterday urged his members, particularly in secondary schools, to be cautious about the use of corporal punishment on girls.

The association is concerned about the implications of incidents at a Tyneside school and about the possible effect of the Sex Discrimination Act on heads.

Mr Cook said: "Our legal adviser has strongly recommended that our members should not resort to the cane or any other form of corporal punishment for girls simply because the Act has been passed. "This is for physiological and psychological reasons."

He said the executive hoped to offer guidance to its 19,000 members after the meeting.

Mrs Short, Labour MP for Wolverhampton, North-east, is to ask Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Education and Science, how many schools in England and Wales still use corporal punishment.

She said yesterday: "I should have thought that for a girl of 15 to be caned by a master was fairly undesirable.

Mrs Short was referring to a Tyneside headmaster who caned two girls, aged 15, on the hands. They had attacked another girl because she did not invite them to her Christmas party.

Mr Donald Simpson, head of Linskill High School, North Shields, said: "They accepted their punishment and have apologized." He said he had the backing of the punished girls' parents.

Meanwhile five girls were suspended from Heaton Comprehensive School, Newcastle upon Tyne, yesterday by the headmaster, Mr Henry Askew. Last Thursday, after he had announced that unruly girls would get the strap, there was a noisy demonstration

Libyan students occupy embassy

About a hundred Libyan students were admitted unopposed into the Libyan Embassy in London at noon yesterday to start a 48-hour occupation in protest over the alleged killing of 13 students by Libyan security forces at Benghazi University nine days ago.

Mr Abdurrahman Sewehli, a Libyan student leader, said the embassy staff left at the request of Dr Mahmood Maghribi, the Ambassador, but Dr Maghrabi had remained.

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m Richard Wigg
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ıe Paris extreme left- ; daily *Libération*, an- ıced tonight that it intends ublish in tomorrow's paper t of 32 Central Intelligence ıcy officials who served in United States Embassy in s during 1975. It asserted: e majority of these are still ıe embassy today."

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Vashington Correspondent : There are 238 American ıats in *Paris*, of whom 130 ith the State Department he 108 others represent s other branches of the States Government, such Treasury, and the De- ents of Agriculture and .

e is no separate listing ıe Central Intelligence , of course, and its mem- e for the most part hid- nder rather transparent both among regular dip- and representatives of ıgencies.

State Department has no nt to offer on the allega- ı *Liberation* and neither CIA.

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Angolan Marxist regime flies S African prisoners to Addis Ababa

From Nicholas Ashford
Addis Ababa, Jan 12

In a dramatic attempt to win more support among African leaders attending the emergency summit meeting of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) on Angola, the Marxist-orientated Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) today flew three South Africans and two Portuguese prisoners of war to the Ethiopian capital.

Mr Lopo do Nascimento, the Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Angola (MPLA), told a press conference at which the prisoners were put on display that their presence showed clearly South Africa's involvement on the side of the other two movements, the National Liberation Front (FNLA) and the Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita).

However, the MPLA's action proved to be less effective than had been planned as the movement was prevented from putting the prisoners on show at the OAU hall where the conference is taking place. The OAU ruling not to allow them there followed intervention by Unita, which threatened to bring some of its Cuban prisoners to Addis Ababa and also put them on public show.

The three South Africans, Andries Hendrick Potgeiter, Piet Groenwald and Lodewyk Kitshoff, aged 18 and 19, were all national servicemen serving with the Fifth South African Infantry Battalion in Angola. They said they had been flown from Grootfontein in South-West Africa (Namibia) to Cela, about 270 miles south-east of Luanda on December 14. About 300 members of their battalion crossed into Angola at the same time.

The three soldiers, who were handcuffed and clearly bewildered at being paraded before several hundred journalists, said they were captured at Cariango on January 4, together with several soldiers from Unita.

They showed no outward sign of having been ill-treated and Commandant "Juju" Julio de Almeida, political commissar of the MPLA's armed forces, said they were being looked after in a humane way. He declined to say what the MPLA intended to do with the prisoners. "For the moment they belong to the people", he said to applause from MPLA supporters among the journalists.

Mr Nascimento said the OAU summit, which is evenly divided over whether or not to recognize the MPLA as the sole government of Angola, would demonstrate which countries could be counted on in the struggle against the white-dominated regimes in Rhodesia, Namibia and South Africa. He hoped the organization would assume its responsibilities when it defined the Pretoria regime

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'Basic railway' may be half present milage

Sir Richard Marsh, chairman of British Rail, said yesterday that it had embarked on fresh studies to identify a "basic railway" for Britain. That was emerging at slightly more than half the present route milage. Unless there was a rapid move to a more rational policy the railway system would not to the point where quality would decline as the cost rose Page 3

French reshuffle

A French Government reshuffle was announced last night. It does not affect the key portfolios of the Interior, Finance and Foreign Affairs. The number of women ministers was increased to five. The changes emphasize the increasingly "presidential" character of the system Page 6

'Ban Concorde' call

Mr John Leyden, president of the American air traffic controllers' organization, has recommended in a report to the organization that Concorde be banned from using American airports, because it would "place an unconsciously high level of hazards" on controllers Page 6

'Crisis looming' over service cuts

The National and Local Government Officers Association, which is launching a campaign with the slogan, "Crisis, save your services", says government cuts in public expenditure mean that a crisis of enormous social dimensions is looming. It hopes that councils will not reduce their services in the face of mounting pressure Page 3

US banks defended

Mr James Smith, United States Comptroller of Currency, has denied "emphatically and unequivocally" reports that the First National City and Chase Manhattan were "problem" banks. They were among the world's soundest banking institutions, he said Page 19

£40m Burmah deal

Burmah Oil will receive £40m "on account" from the Government pending completion of the sale of its North Sea Ninian oilfield to the British National Oil Corporation. Burmah is hoping to receive at least £120m from the sale Page 19

Agatha Christie dies

Dame Agatha Christie, the crime writer and author of the record long-running play, *The Mousetrap*, died at her home at Wallingford, Oxfordshire, at the age of 85 Obituary, page 16

Iceland warns Nato

If the Royal Navy does not leave Icelandic waters, Iceland will be obliged to reconsider its membership of Nato, the North Atlantic Council was warned in Brussels. Council members appealed to both sides for the "utmost restraint" Page 6

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HOME NEWS

'Loyalists' angered by Government's rebuff see 1976 as 'year of the paramilitaries'

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

Hard-line "loyalist" politicians in Northern Ireland responded predictably and angrily yesterday to the British Government's rejection of the Convention report, but there was no immediate indication of the lengths to which they were prepared to take their much-publicized threats of passive resistance.

As leaders from all political parties represented in the Convention studied the implications of the carefully worded statement by Mr Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, *there was little indication that* the extra month granted for discussion would produce the elusive agreement.

There was a measure of unanimity on a suggestion made locally that any new initiatives should be tested through the ballot box, either by an election or a referendum. That course is open to the Government, but it is not anxious to follow it.

During the next few days there will be many meetings as the Convention parties draw up definitive positions on the report. *In addition the armed* paramilitary groups on both sides will provide their own statements and predictions about the immediate future.

Shortly after the Westminster statements Mr Samuel Smyth, official spokesman for the Ulster Defence Association, the largest of the loyalist private armies, made clear that pressure would be put on to the Protestant political leaders to try to force the report on to the Government. He said 1975 was the year of the politicians, but 1976 was going to be the year of the "paramilitaries".

Although there are dis*agreements within the majority* loyalist coalition, they are unlikely to change voting strengths on the floor of the convention as some government advisers have hoped. To make that more effective, at least eight members of the official Unionist Party would have to leave the coalition and align themselves with Mr William Craig's more moderate Vanguard grouping.

On local television, the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democrat Unionist Party and the most powerful single voice within the loyalist coalition, said that attempts would be made to block any attempt to persuade the loyalists to reconsider their position on power sharing with known republicans. He maintained that that covered the mainly Roman Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party.

Commenting on secret loyalist plans to disrupt Ulster's administration in an effort to enforce their viewpoint, Mr Paisley said: "We never said exactly what we were going to do, but we have our plans. Those plans will go into operation at the proper time to restore to the people of Northern Ireland the democratic right to decide their own future destiny."

It is understood that although the coalition will not boycott the recalled Convention, it will use its majority on the floor of the House to prevent discussion of increasing participation beyond the committee system incorporated into its report.

After meeting Mr Rees at Stormont later in the week, *the loyalist coalition will decide* what action to take. That might include walk-outs from district councils and local area boards. *Fifteen mass rallies throughout* the province will begin later this month.

Ulster political circles acknowledged that Mr Rees's statement did not amount to a total rejection of the Convention report. But the part rejected, essentially a return to the old form of Stormont government, is the central plank of the loyalist programme and one which the loyalists remain adament about seeing put into effect.

*One of their leading spokes*men, Mr Ernest Baird, who heads the United Ulster Unionist movement, said *bluntly: "We are not going to* coalesce with anyone."

Among the more moderate parties there was widespread *approval for the decision to* recall the Convention, but no positive grounds were provided for the optimism expressed by *some leaders about its chances* of succeeding.

Mr Oliver Napier, leader of the centre Alliance Party, said: "*I value the opportunity to go* back as Ulstermen with differing political views to try to thrash out a solution. I think we need a government and we have got to get cross-community support for that government."

His view was echoed by Mr Brian Faulkner, former Prime Minister of Ulster and leader of the Unionist Party of Northern Ireland. "What we need is an agreed coalition government of all the people who accept the constitutional position of the country", he said. "Quite apart from the appalling security situation we have an appalling economic *situation and we need a government*, and we need it quickly."

As local political leaders gathered in Belfast television studios to discuss the Westminster debate, the wide disagreements quickly became apparent as the old, familiar squabbles broke out. Mr Austin Currie, a leading member of the SDLP, said: "Surely it must now be recognized that Ian Paisley has led his loyalist supporters up a cul-de-sac . . . it is clear to see now that he has let them down."

Much confusion has been caused by the comments of Mr Glen Barr, the paramilitarists' spokesman and one of the remaining Vanguard Convention members. It became clear last night that his more conciliatory attitude reflects thinking neither among the majority of the Ulster Defence Association nor the coordinating committee of paramilitary groups, of which he is chairman.

[Mr Barr, speaking in London after the Commons announcements, said the Government was acting responsibly in its promise to crack down on terrorism in south Armagh. He would advise his supporters to give Mr Wilson time to fight the terrorists.]

A statement is expected soon from the so-called army council of the Provisional IRA, possibly of a formal abandonment of the much discredited ceasefire.

Detectives 'saw two women post explosive'

Detectives watching Protestant sympathizers in Glasgow saw a woman of 64 and her daughter post a parcel containing explosives to an Ulster Defence Association member in Belfast, it was alleged at the High Court in Glasgow yesterday.

John Kerr, aged 25, Alexandra Wilson, aged 23, and her mother Betty Watson, aged 64 deny that on September 16 last year at *Mrs Wilson's and Mrs* Watson's home in Dalmarnock Road, Glasgow, in Mason's Bar, Old Dalmarnock Road, and in a sub-post office at Springfield Road, Glasgow, they possessed 16 sticks of explosives with *intent to endanger life or* damage life or property.

Det Constable Daniel Finlayson said he saw the two *women walk to the Springfield* Road post office with a parcel. After they had posted it and left the police retrieved the *parcel. It was addressed to* Mr Norman Collins, of High Cairn Drive, Highfield Estate, Belfast. It contained gelignite.

He added: "*Collins is* known to me as a member of the UDA in Belfast." Mr Collins had visited John Kerr several times but the Royal Ulster Constabulary had been unable to get in touch with Mr Collins, who, he said, was supposed to be staying in Reid Street, Glasgow.

The trial continues today.

No increase in Ulster MPs at Westminster

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vention was not and could not be an advisory body to him, nor could it play a wider role *in the* government of Northern Ireland.

Outlining the recommendations that the Government could accept, the Secretary of State said they included the proposal that power should be returned to a government within Northern Ireland, involving the creation of a separate, unicameral assembly and a government with power to legislate for, and to administer, a wide *range of matters* within the province. They would include education, roads, transport, housing, industry and commerce.

Mr Rees said, however, that the Government could not recommend reexamination of the number of Northern Ireland constituencies returning MPs to Westminster, in advance of an agreement on a system of government that would command widespread acceptance.

On law and order, he said that the Government agreed in *principle that a future Northern* Ireland Administration should have responsibility in that area, although several subjects, such as *judicial appointments and* court administration, could not be transferred. An essential prerequisite was that all members of a *Northern Ireland Govern*ment should publicly support the security forces.

Mr Glen Barr: "Government acting responsibly."

But, he continued, transfer of responsibility for law and order would necessarily be gradual, and the Government would consider the best way to give a meaningful role to an Ulster Administration on security matters until the transfer could be completed.

It was the Government's hope *that the Convention, when re*convened, should not feel constrained by the limits of earlier discussions and that it would be able to build *on the prin*ciples on which there was already a wide measure of agreement. A way must be found *of overcoming the divi*sions of Northern Ireland and the Convention had a further, if short, role to play.

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Inquiry into foreigners' employment rejected

By Our Political Correspondent

Mr Wilson *has rejected* a request from Mr Norman Atkinson, a left-wing Labour MP, that there should be an interdepartmental inquiry into the illegal employment of foreign workers, some of whom it is alleged are exploited. Mr Atkinson had said that if the reason for employing foreign workers in hotels and catering and in the National Health Service was undercutting and cheapness, Labour MPs had little credibility in complaining about *British firms* exploiting cheap labour in South Africa.

Mr Wilson told Mr Atkinson that he had consulted Mr Jenkins, *the Home Secretary*, and the Department of Employment about the suggestion for a special conference on immigration control, *deportation* and work permits.

"We would not agree that the treatment, within the context of immigration control, of overseas workers has been erratic or that it has been more severe than was justified by the circumstances of individual cases", Mr Wilson wrote.

The circumstances in which "over-stayers" and "job changers" could be detained and deported by the Home Secretary were covered by the immigration rules. The aim was to be consistent and fair.

Mr Atkinson also wrote yesterday to Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, suggesting that before he decided on the 1976 quotas he should inquire into the reasons why *employers required to import* labour, and consider the unsatisfactory conditions under which the foreign workers were *employed*.

In a reply to Mr Wilson, Mr Atkinson said that the rules for foreign "guest workers" should be defined *more precisely*.

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Quit notice was sent to dead man

Glasgow District Council sent a notice to quit to an elderly man who had been dead in his flat for several weeks.

An official of the Department *of Social Security noticed that* Mr James Turner, aged 68, had not drawn his pension since October 23. Police officers found his body at his tower-block flat in Burness Drive, Pollokshaws, Glasgow, on Friday. He had been dead for more than two months.

By the letterbox were letters saying he was behind with his rent.

Mr Turner had lived in the flat for four years. The police are trying to trace relatives. A *police officer said*: "He did not seem to have a friend in the world."

Strathclyde Regional Council, *responsible* for social services, said it appeared that Mr Turner was a very independent man, unlikely to ask for help.

A Glasgow council official said: "A notice to quit was sent on December 29 by recorded delivery so someone must have signed for it, perhaps a neighbour. We took no action because of the 28 days allowed for appeal."

Executive backs threat to Labour 'rebels'

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

A warning given to Mr James Sillars, *Labour MP for* Ayrshire South, and other members of the Labour Party that they risk exclusion from the party if they go ahead with their plan to form a "rebel" Scottish Labour Party was endorsed yesterday by the organization committee of the party's national executive committee.

Meeting at the House of Commons before Mr Sillars had arrived from Scotland, the committee reviewed developments in the party in Scotland. They endorsed unanimously the statement issued on Friday by Mr James McGrandle, the party's interim organizer in Scotland, in which he urged the rebels to return to the official party.

There was no open move to expel Mr Sillars from the Parliamentary Labour Party, although a number of Labour backbenchers are discussing privately what should be done if he persists in his move to help in setting up a rival party.

In the four-day debate on devolution which opens in the Commons today, Mr Wilson may be able to make some concession to the views of the rebels, who are opposed to the party's devolution plans, but he is not likely to be able to offer much without precipitating a revolt in the Cabinet.

Mr Robert Mellish, Government Chief Whip, was trying hard to calm the more irate Scottish backbenchers. In an interview on London Broadcasting, Mr Mellish said: "If the ultimate happened, and Jim Sillars broke away from the party, then it would be a disaster in my view. But he is a very likable chap and I am hoping that after the devolution debate there will be a change of heart.

"*In fact I am certain* that if there are any votes Jimmy will vote Labour as he has always done."

But the threat of the formation of a rebel party is still there, and backbenchers were pointing out to Mr Mellish that under the party constitution MPs and party members who joined it would automatically make themselves ineligible for membership of the British Labour Party. That would mean the withdrawal of the party whip

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Call for action on 'corruption'

The financial interests of councillors and town hall officials should be published as a safeguard against corruption in *local government*, *Plaid Cymru* says in a memorandum to the royal commission on standards of conduct in public life.

The party also complains that corruption and undemocratic civic conduct frequently arise from local domination by one political party.

It states: "In the South Wales valleys in particular the Labour Party have operated a one-party rule to exclude opposition councillors from being able to scrutinize the activities of the ruling party."

Scots 'Ulster' warning

A *warning was given* yesterday that a Northern Ireland situation might develop in Scotland if the aspirations of the majority there continue to be frustrated and treated with disdain.

*The 1320 Club, the indepen*dent nationalist group, in a statement submitted to the Scottish Office giving its comments on the devolution White Paper, said it was only to be expected that a minimum of power would be devolved, but it was not expected that the proposed legislature would be so devoid of power as envisaged in the White Paper.

Kidnapper held woman three days in flat

From Our Correspondent
Stafford

Muhammad Nazir, aged 45, a machine operator, of Devonshire Street, Winson Green, Birmingham, was jailed at Stafford Crown Court yesterday for five years for kidnapping a woman aged 25, from her flat late at night while she was watching television; abducting her with intent to have unlawful sexual intercourse; and *false imprisonment*.

The woman was said to have been kept prisoner in a house in Smethwick for three days before she *escaped and ran barefoot* through the streets seeking help. She said she was forced to have sexual intercourse with Mr Nazir. She had lived with him for six years but left him two years ago.

Mr Nazir said the woman telephoned him to take her back and she went with him willingly. "I did not have a knife", he said.

Conservation is put before enjoyment of national parks

By Michael Horsnell

Conservation of Britain's *national parks will have great*er priority than public enjoyment of them where the two statutory purposes are in conflict.

That was stated yesterday in a joint circular from the Department of the Environment and the Welsh Office, which was published in response to the 1974 report of the Government-appointed National Park Policies Review Committee under the chairmanship of Lord Sandford. They said that national parks had become so popular that "people have begun to destroy the very qualities they have come to enjoy".

The circular, which accepts most of the Sandford report's 100-odd recommendations, also says that legislation will be introduced to increase the powers of the national park authorities.

In a Commons written reply Mr Howell, Minister of State for Sport and Recreation, said: "On the central issue of conservation versus public enjoyment the committee have concluded that both must continue to be given due importance and that the main emphasis must be not on negative restriction but on positive management policies designed where possible to reconcile conflicts.

"Nevertheless, as the committee have also pointed out, some further powers of control *are desirable and, in the last* resort and in some areas, it will be necessary to give priority to the conservation of *the natural beauty of the* parks. This general line of approach is one we very much endorse."

No additional money will be made available, however, to the national park authorities.

A qualified welcome was given to the circular by the Countryside Commission, which urged the Government to give statutory force to the conservation priority.

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Gypsy whose girl shot herself is freed

Joby Barney, aged 17, a gypsy, whose romance with a wealthy girl ended when she shot herself, was freed by Bournemouth Crown Court yesterday. *Although convicted of* breaking into the girl's home, the youth was told by Mr K. B. Suenson-Taylor, the recorder: "*The right course for you is* to walk out of here and forget all this as far as you possibly can."

Lynne Darley, aged 17, killed herself with her father's shotgun. The father had threatened to shoot the gypsy if he did not keep away.

The girl died two days after the youth had been arrested for breaking into the Darley *home at St Ives, near Bourne*mouth, and stealing property including a signet ring, money and a wallet.

Barney was camped with other gypsies near her house, where she kept a string of ponies and worked as a riding *instructor. Twice the couple* ran off together, although the girl's parents disapproved and her father warned Barney that he would shoot him if he again found him on his land.

Mr Suenson-Taylor told Barney: "I feel the offence was probably committed at the instigation of Lynne Darley and that at first you were unwilling to do it but later gave in and tended *to give in to her* suggestions."

The jury was told how the couple were married in a "gypsy way", Barney, *who* is illiterate, said: "I promised I would never break with her or leave her." They had wanted to get married properly, he added, "but we did not know where we would go".

The day after the burglary they ran off and stayed away for two or three days. Later the police went to the gypsy encampment and arrested Barney. Two days later the girl shot herself.

Move for outside body to run Cowley vote fails

From Our Correspondent
Oxford

Just before voting began at the Leyland car assembly plant at Cowley yesterday to elect *seven deputy senior shop* stewards for the Transport and General Workers' Union, a move to get the election post*poned was made*.

Mr Tim O'Sullivan, chairman of branch 5/55, said that he had lodged an objection and asked for the election to be conducted by the Electoral Reform Society.

He gave two reasons: the branch had already asked for an investigation into the election of national, territorial and *regional representatives* after abnormally high voting figures; and the "mass hysteria and witch-hunt which had been *whipped up in the last few* days" did not create a proper climate.

Mr David Buckle, Oxford district secretary for the union rejected the application.

Mr Reginald Parsons, senior shop steward, said voting was heavy. "I was told of queues at some of the ballot boxes. This has never happened before."

Miles falters in bid for chess title

From Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent
Hastings

Hort had a quick draw in 12 moves with Taimanov in round *13 in the Premier Chess Tourna*ment at Hastings yesterday and that was enough to keep him in the lead by half a point over Uhlmann. But the latter, who had a longer draw in this round with Sosonko, may catch him up when his twice adjourned game versus Kaplan is finished. Bronstein too may overhaul him, as he stands better in an ending in his adjourned game with Hartston.

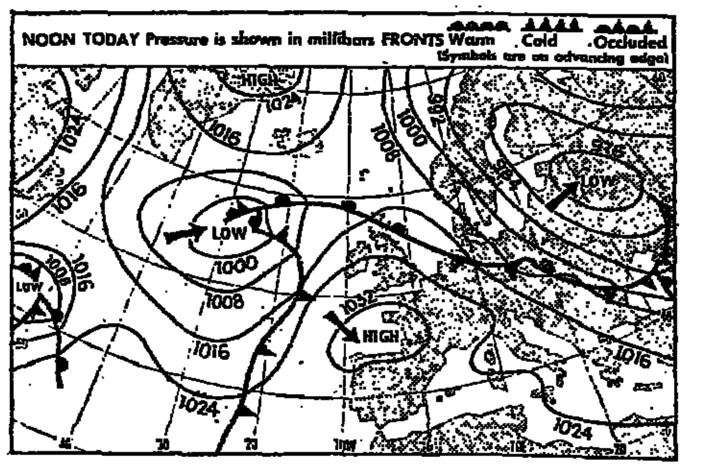
The most interesting game of the round was that between Keene and Miles. If Miles had won he would have been in an excellent position to gain the grandmaster title. *But he defended weakly* against Keene's attack and the former British champion forced home a sacrificial mating attack.

Scores: Hort 9, Uhlmann 8½, and one adj. Bronstein eight and one adj. Korchnoi 7½, Miles, Sigurjonsson, Sosonko and Taimanov 7, Jansa 6½, Stean 6, Kaplan 5½ and one adj, Keene 5½, Nunn 5, Hartston 4½ and one adj. Bisguier 4½ and Bellin 4.

Results in round 13: Keene 1, Miles 0, Queen's gambit declined, semi-Tarrasch def: Bisguier 0, Korchnoi 1, QP King's Indian def: Jansa 1, Stean 0, English opening: Bronstein adj against Hartston, Sicilian def: Bellin ½, Sigurjonsson ½, *QP Richter attack*: Taimanov ½, Hort ½, Queen's gambit decline, semi-Tarrasch def: Nunn ½, Kaplan ½, Sicilian def: Uhlmann ½, Sosonko ½, Queen's gambit declined.

Adj game result, round 12: Hartston 1, Bellin 0.

Weather forecast and recordings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Today

Sun rises: 8.2 am
Sun sets: 4.17 pm
Moon sets: 4.22 am
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Full moon: January 17.

Lighting up: 4.47 pm to 7.31 am.

High water: London Bridge, 10.28 am, 5.5m (18.5ft); 11.3 pm, 5.9m ([illegible]). Avonmouth, 3.15 am, 9.9m (32.5ft); 3.58 pm, 10.3m (33.9ft). Dover, 7.57 am, 5.4m (17.8ft); 8.39 pm, 5.5m (18.1ft). Hull, 2.37 am, 5.6m (18.9ft); 3.19 pm, 6.0m (19.7ft). Liverpool, 8.6 am, 7.4m (24.4ft); 8.31 pm, 7.6m (25.0ft).

A mild W airstream covers most of the British Isles.

Area forecasts:

London, East Anglia, SE, central S, E, central N, NE England, Midlands, Channel Islands: Dry, bright or sunny intervals; wind W, fresh; max temp 11°C (52°F).

SW, NW England, Wales: Cloudy, mainly dry; wind W, fresh; max temp 10°C (50°F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, SW Scotland, N Ireland: Cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle: wind W, strong or gale; max temp 10°C (50°F).

Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, NW Scotland: Cloudy, rain at times; wind W, strong or gale; max *temp* 9°C (48°F).

NE Scotland, Orkney: Cloudy, rain at times, snow on hills; wind variable or E, moderate; max temp 4°C (39°F).

Shetland: Mostly cloudy, at times; wind light, variable becoming E, moderate; max temp 3°C (37°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and *Thursday: Rain in places* at first, becoming brighter, with scattered showers from W; mild at first, otherwise temp near normal.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm, 14°C (57°F); min, 6 pm to 6 am, 9°C (48°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 77 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun, 24 hours to 6 pm, 3.7 hours. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,028.5 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

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Akrotiri	r	16	61	Cardiff	c	10	50	L Palmas	c	11	52	New York	c	1	34
Algiers	d	10	50	Cologne	c	9	48	Lisbon	s	13	55	Nice	s	15	59
Amsterdm	c	10	50	Copenhgn	c	7	45	Locarno	s	15	59	Oslo	s	0	32
Athens	s	18	64	Dublin	c	11	52	London	s	13	55	Paris	c	10	50
Barcelona	s	13	55	Edinbrgh	r	11	52	Luxembg	c	6	43	Reykjavik	f	−12	10
Beirut	c	17	63	Florence	c	10	50	Madrid	s	14	57	Rome	c	10	50
Belfast	d	9	48	Geneva	c	5	41	Majorca	s	16	61	Ronldswy	c	10	50
Berlin	d	8	46	Gibraltar	s	15	59	Malaga	s	14	57	Stockholm	c	−4	25
Biarritz	c	10	50	Guernsey	s	11	52	Malta	s	16	61	Tel Aviv	f	17	63
B'mghm	c	11	52	Helsinki	c	−4	25	Manchstr	c	11	52	Venice	f	6	43
Bristol	c	10	50	Innsbruck	c	5	41	Moscow	c	−18	0	Vienna	f	13	55
Brussels	f	10	50	Istanbul	f	12	54	Munich	r	7	45	Warsaw	r	7	45
Budapest	c	12	54	Jersey	c	11	52	Naples	f	14	57	Zurich	c	7	45

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Britain's 'basic railway' would cut route milage by half and leave out most of Scotland and Wales

By Michael Baily
Transport Correspondent

British Rail has embarked on fresh studies to indentify a "basic railway" for Britain, Sir Richard Marsh, chairman of the board, disclosed last night.

Incorporating only those parts of the system—heavy long-haul freight and the "financially attractive" Inter-City services—about which, in theory, there is little controversy, it is emerging at little over half the present 11,500 route milage. It would exclude virtually all Scotland and Wales and some commuter services.

The basic railway would not be viable in the conventional commercial sense, but since it would consist of those activities for which the railways were best suited it would be cheaper than the present system, which, Sir Richard said, was losing about £400m a year.

Addressing the Chartered Institute of Transport in London, he said the study had been started by the board in yet another attempr to get a clear long-term policy for the industry. "It is clear that we cannot continue in a situation where vast sums of public money are poured into an organization, the objectives of which are clear to no one", he said.

The study would enable the Government to list, through the Department of the Environment, the non-commercial objectives that would enable activities not containable within the basic railway to continue. It would enable the country to discuss rationally the cost and implications of providing services in areas like Scotland and Wales, and the scale and quality of London commuter services.

"I am convinced that if we do not move rapidly towards a more rational numerate policy for the railways", Sir Richard said, "we shall be faced with a railway system that will rot to the point where the quality will decline as the cost rises, and the long suffering taxpayer will be faced with even less value for his hard earned cash."

Attacking civil servants, academics, leader writers, and, above all, governments who, he said, were really responsible for the state of the railways, he said the railways were being required to perform several management miracles: eliminate the present £70m loss on the commercial operation, hold the grant at its present level, and avoid rail cuts that would worsen unemployment. It was not possible to do those things without reducing still further and for all time the quality of the service.

Two seemingly insuperable obstacles stood in the way of progress towards a sensible strategy for the railways: the "apparent inability of those who should know better" to understand the constraints within which the railways operated; and government tendency to think in too short a timescale. So long as the first of those obstacles persisted "I see no way in which I or my board can be held accountable for the financial results of our activities", he said.

Unions to step up drive against train cuts

By Our Labour Editor

Railway union leaders decided yesterday to step up their campaign to persuade the Government not to cut the 11,500-mile track system or reduce investment in the railways.

After hearing a report on representations to the Government and the December 16 lobby of Parliament, the three unions and Transport 2000, the rail lobby group, agreed to seek a meeting between the TUC transport committee and Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment.

MPs sponsored by the National Union of Railwaymen and the Transport Salaried Staffs' Association are to meet on Thursday to coordinate efforts inside the Commons.

Mr Sidney Weighell, general secretary of the NUR, said after yesterday's joint meeting: "We shall be asking to see Mr Crosland for a copy of the review, which we understand he has had since Christmas."

The unions expressed their disquiet at not being involved in the Government's planning of options for the future of British Rail. "We are concerned at the way consultation is going. We thought we would have been in at the thinking stage", the railwaymen's leader added.

Centenary celebrated by widening membership limits

Men joining the Mothers' Union

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs
Correspondent

The Mothers' Union, for many generations a byword for devout respectability and happy-role conditioning, made a strong attempt yesterday to be deleted from the catalogue of clichés in the English language, for the image and the reality have parted company.

The union, which celebrates its centenary this year, started events with a press conference in Fleet Street. The centenary celebrations are packed into two weeks in June, and follow the perhaps predictable course of abbey and cathedral services, "quiet mornings" and open days, and three appearances of royalty.

But the Mothers' Union has nevertheless propelled itself into the last quarter of the twentieth century with a new royal charter, dated 1974, with a range of activities no women's lib workshop would be ashamed of, and with an all-important new membership rule that admits to full membership the divorced, separated, and unmarried, as well as that half of the human race to whom motherhood will ever be denied. Undeterred by the name, men have been joining, if not in droves, in a significant trickle.

Even the name is not sacrosanct, Mrs Chad Varah, the Mothers' Union president, said at the press conference. It was not changed in 1974 because they felt the membership had had enough to digest for the time being, and because no one could suggest an obvious alternative.

Mrs Varah, president of the Mothers' Union.

Mrs Varah, wife of the founder of the Samaritans, said the union was open to baptized Christians of any denomination in spite of its place in the Anglican firmament and regardless of marital status. Traditionally the union discriminated against divorced persons and a small influential group fought a bitter battle for that custom to be retained. Most of them have been reconciled to the change, and those who were not have resigned or drifted away.

The union, which can fairly claim to be the backbone of the Church of England, has come to terms with modern society while standing fast to its general aim, the strengthening of family life. It has sponsored field workers among immigrant populations, arranged sex education courses in schools, raised funds and provided womanpower for the care of battered wives and their families, laid on holidays for single-parent families when the going gets too tough, and tried to fill many other gaps in local family welfare services. To emphasize that parenthood is not the exclusive concern of mothers, the union has turned its young wives groups into family groups, with husbands more than welcome.

Although church-based, the union takes a line of its own. Unlike many male churchmen, it is not keen on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill and favours a more liberal approach, with an emphasis on giving a pregnant woman the maximum of help and advice to make up her own mind.

It was started in the Winchester diocese in 1876, and has some 300,000 members in the British Isles and 100,000 overseas. In Britain, at least, the most are regular churchgoers.

In brief

Fresh remand in Whittle case

Donald Neilson, aged 39, who is charged with the murder of Lesley Whittle and three subpostmasters, appeared before magistrates at Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, yesterday without his solicitor, Mr Barrington Black. It was his sixth court appearance and he was remanded in custody for a further week.

Mr Neilson, a joiner, of Grangefield Road, Thornbury, Bradford, replied "No, sir" when asked by Mr Derek Parry, the clerk, if he minded the hearing taking place without Mr Black, and when asked if he objected to the remand.

Tower blocks strengthened

Wyre Forest District Council said yesterday that strengthening work on two tower blocks of flats which were evacuated six years ago should soon be completed and the flats reoccupied by August.

The evacuation of the Holbrook flats at Kidderminster was made after consultants had said the flats were unstable. The cost of strengthening has been paid by the builders and engineers.

Education bill tops £40m

Fife Education Committee yesterday approved an estimate for 1976-77 of £43,573,324, with the proviso that the figure would be reduced by at least £1.2m to keep it within the expenditure laid down by the Government.

Mr Alex Devlin, the chairman, said: "This means that we are not simply having no growth: it will mean a definite cut in the educational provision."

Turks fined £800

A Turkish couple, Mehmet Sozer and his wife, Babire, both aged 27, who were said to have had £1,468 between them when they stole from two London stores, were fined a total of £800 with £20 costs at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Bluebell extension

The Bluebell Railway, which carried more than 270,000 passengers on its Victorian steam locomotive trains last year, has been planning permission to double the length of its five-mile line in central Sussex.

School fire inquiry

Police and forensic scientists yesterday were investigating the cause of a fire that badly damaged the Garibaldi Comprehensive School, at Forest Town, Nottinghamshire.

Scots BR chief dismisses speculation

From Our Correspondent
Glasgow

A prediction by the railway unions that Scotland would have no rail services north of the Glasgow-Edinburgh line was described as pure speculation yesterday by Mr David J. Cobbett, general manager of the Scottish Region of British Rail. He said he did not foresee any big cuts.

Speaking after the formal opening of the Holidays in Scotland exhibition, under the joint promotion of British Rail and the Scottish Tourist Board, he said that the speculation, by the unions, had derived from their interpretation of possible government attitudes to future investment levels.

"Obviously, in the present economic climate, we in the railways cannot expect to have unlimited amounts of money available to help us", he said. "But I believe that the gloomy prognostications are unduly pessimistic and will not take place."

Railways must be made more efficient by ensuring that services were more reliable, and there must be "a marketable fare policy".

Mr Cobbett announced that there would be an additional daily train on the Glasgow-Inverness service and an additional train each Saturday between Inverness and Birmingham from next May and, with the coming of high speed trains between London and Scotland, the existing coaches on the long-distance lines would be transferred to Scottish internal services, replacing the "pretty shabby" existing coaches with more modern ones.

There would also be more sleeping cars on the London-Aberdeen service to meet the increased tourist demand in the coming season.

Plan for £1.1m waste-reclamation plants

By Our Science Editor

The Government is to spend up to £1.1m over four years on two plants that will sort waste material mechanically. They will be set up in cooperation with Tyne and Wear and South Yorkshire councils, Mr Oakes, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment, said in London yesterday.

Planning and construction were expected to take about a year, he told a press conference to introduce the first report of the Waste Management Advisory Council, which was set up a year ago to examine possibilities of reducing waste and increasing reclamation.

Each plant would have a minimum capacity of 10 tonnes an hour. One would test the extraction of ferrous metal and shredded paper and plastic-rich residue suitable for fuel conversion. The other would test mechanical separation

Separation of domestic waste is considered in the report as an important place to start any reclamation scheme. Schemes run by local authorities have been discouraging. Yet a highly successful venture called Wastesaver is run by Oxfam at Kirklees, West Yorkshire, whereby householders dispose separately of their newspapers, mixed paper, jumble, tins, glass and plastic.

However, the most promising methods of sorting suggested for local authority work are mechanical. The report recommends a type of plant developed by the Warren Spring Laboratory of the Department of the Environment, which separates materials into glass, ferrous and non-ferrous metals, coarse paper for board-making, a combustible fraction and other grades.

There is also a proposal for a plant using a new method of extracting the energy in waste by pyrolysis, or the destructive distillation of refuse by heating

The report says there might be welcome employment in some manual sorting of clean waste. In the past domestic waste was often picked over by hand for useful materials. That was no longer economic, and in any case contemporary attitudes towards working conditions made it unacceptable. But where clean waste was involved there was scope for voluntary organizations to help.

Some conservationist groups have criticized the council for not placing more emphasis on waste prevention by reducing the use of packaging materials and other methods.

Mr Edward Dawson, of the Conservation Society, said yesterday: "The council seems unable to take on the more daunting tasks needed, such as changing attitudes towards design and manufacturing by industry to obtain products of greater durability."

Similarly, Friends of the Earth were disappointed that the council had rejected some of the waste-reclamation schemes because they made a short-term loss. The environmental group argue that the council should have attempted to advise the Government on the amenity benefits of those schemes and the saving on the balance of payments of materials that are imported.

The report points out that about 18 million tons of waste was thrown out from Britain's 19 million homes and about double that amount from industry. Some was recovered, but 23 million tons was left to be disposed of.

Campaign shows smoking can ruin sex appeal

By Our Medical Reporter

The sex appeal factor in many of the advertisements displayed by the tobacco industry will be combated by a £200,000 advertisement campaign on television, radio and in the cinema by the Health Education Council.

The council's three-month campaign, announced yesterday, emphasized the theme that it is not always health that cigarette-smoking damages.

In a television advertisement a boy tells his girl friend: "Your breath reeks of stale tobacco." In the back row of a cinema a girl refuses kisses from her cigarette-smoking boy friend, leaves him and tells a girl-friend that he is nice "but his breath smells like you could get lung cancer just kissing him".

In a radio advertisement a background of romantic music gives way to discordant music and an emotionally charged girl's voice cries: "Phew, what a let down. His breath reeked of stale tobacco."

Teachers in
›rotest over
›lanned cuts

om Our Correspondent
rnsley

More than 45,000 children ›re sent home early yesterday angry teachers held a mass ›eting to protest against edu- tion cuts proposed by the ›bour-controlled Barnsley uncil. The 1,500 teachers ted overwhelmingly to oppose › move which, if carried out, ght mean up to 200 redun- ncies.

Councillors in the South rkshire town are proposing cut their education budget m £26m to £23m this year › will make a final decision the next few weeks.

The proposals, designed to ›p domestic rates at the exist- level, include halving ning classes, reducing cher/pupil ratios, abolishing mming lessons, all nursery ools and music tuition, cut- › school maintenance and re- rs by half, and closing all ool libraries.

At the meeting Mr Alfred ltshire, National Union of ›chers president-elect, des- ›ed the proposed cuts as astrous and savage and said › would set back school ndards thirty years. No local hority in the country, he ›ed, had proposed cuts any- ›re near those of Barnsley ncil.

e told the teachers: "There be a drastic deterioration ›ducation services. Barnsley ›ady comes well down in the om half of the local autho- league. There is only one ›ority in the whole country ›r than Barnsley for spend- on school books."

uncillor Walter Brookes, chairman of the education mittee, said: "No decision been reached yet. I can efore make no comment."

Nalgo wants councils to ignore pressures for a reduction in services

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Staff

Local authorities were urged yesterday by the union representing most of their workers to "use what is still left of your independence" in determining future rate levels. The clear inference is that councils should ignore diminishing support from Westminster and maintain their services at the expense of local ratepayers.

The National and Local Government Officers' Association (Nalgo), Britain's fourth largest union, with 600,000 members in the public services, launched a national campaign with the warning: "Government cuts in public expenditure mean that a crisis of enormous social dimensions is looming."

The tacit message of Nalgo at a press conference in London was that councils should not reduce their services in the face of mounting pressure from ratepayers. Mr Geoffrey Drain, general secretary, said: "In spite of the hullabaloo rates as a proportion of disposable income have not increased markedly compared with 30 years ago."

The Nalgo campaign, involving the distribution of pamphlets to MPs, peers, councils and councillors, will later include an attack on the effect of government policies towards the health and transport sectors.

Mr Drain said: "Even against the background of a cut in real terms in the rate-support grant, there is still an obligation on authorities to remedy the deficiency as far as they can by using what is still their independent area of choice: the fixing of the rate level."

The campaign leaflet, headed "Crisis, save your services", is the spearhead of Nalgo's campaign to protect the interests of local government and its workers.

Nalgo has three major points: The country cannot afford a further cut in the social services, which are already under par; cuts in local government spending cause unemployment in both the public and private sectors; and reductions in local council spending hinder the productive manufacturing industries.

The union has held in abeyance the threat of industrial action, but has not ruled it out. Mr Drain said that if standards were savagely attacked it was open to members to seek backing for positive action.

He continued: "Our attitude to the next round of pay policy will be affected by the Government's performance on public expenditure and unemployment. It is too early to say what position we shall take."

The Nalgo pamphlet defends the "much maligned" 400,000 staff who administer local government: a quarter earned less than £2,040, half less than £2,529, and three-quarters less than £3,366. That was against national average earnings of £3,161.

It says: "If government policies do not change, the implications for unemployment and for the services ordinary people desperately need are too frightening to contemplate. This union cannot stand back and simply watch what is happening. The Government must think again and tackle the real causes of inflation."

Offer to peg prices of nine food products

By Hugh Clayton

Food companies made a limited final offer of products for price restraint yesterday while two MPs called for an investigation of potato costs.

The list of products offered by the food industry for pegging at a maximum rise of 5p in the pound between February and August falls short of the wishes of ministers.

The industry has added two product types to the seven it offered before Christmas. The two are blackcurrant health drinks and some breakfast foods, including cornflakes.

Bread, milk, tea, granulated sugar, frozen peas, sweets and a fifth of all biscuits were the original seven. The first three of those are subsidized, so their maximum shop prices are already fixed by ministers.

Mr Gwilym Roberts, Labour MP for Cannock, called on the Government yesterday to fix the price of potatoes in shops at a limit of 10p a pound, without the consent of growers if necessary. A subsidy might be needed to peg the price, he said.

Mr Edward Taylor, Conservative MP for Glasgow, Cathcart, called on the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to meet growers about improving potato supplies.

Warning on EEC poultry rules

The Government made clear yesterday that it would not support opposition by the poultry industry to EEC rules about hygiene. The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food said the rules, which demanded that birds should be gutted at an approved slaughterhouse, would outlaw the traditional British practice of gutting birds in shops.

A representative of the British Poultry Federation said yesterday that the cost of building slaughterhouses to the required standard would be hopelessly uneconomic.

rison officers 'kicked and ›nched drug addict'

›risoner at Cardiff jail was ›ed, kicked and dragged by air along a corridor, a jury rdiff Crown Court was told ›rday, when five prison ›rs were accused of assault.

Huw Williams, for the ›cution, said the actions of en Charles Edward Parry, 27, of Hollybush Road, Ian ›, aged 28, of Manor Way, ›ivian Davies, aged 37, of ingham Road, Haydn Craig ›, aged 31, of Flatland ›e, and Peter David Gran- aged 36, of Hollybush all Cardiff, were calcula- › cause pain and degrade Edward Driscoll, aged 24, › Cardiff.

five have pleaded not to causing Mr Driscoll, bodily harm and Mr › also denies a charge of ›n assault.

Mr Williams said Mr Driscoll, a drug addict, had been in Cardiff prison before, and on arrival on February 8 last year was ordered to the hospital wing.

On the way, Mr Williams alleged, he was subjected to unprovoked and prolonged violence. Finally he was left naked in a cell suffering from bruises and abrasions

Mr Williams said three other prisoners saw Mr Driscoll being punched and kicked by Mr Parry, Mr James and Mr Davies, who were hospital officers, as he crouched on the floor of the bath house.

Later, counsel said, Mr Parry went to Mr Driscoll's cell and said: "You know what to say; it was the police who gave you the kicking, wasn't it?"

The case continues.

Four-letter-word books for schools attacked

From Our Correspondent
Edinburgh

An attack on "with it" people in education who recommend to pupils books containing four-letter words, was made by Mr Frank McElhone, the Scottish minister whose responsibilities include education, in Edinburgh yesterday.

Opening an educational book exhibition he said: "I should like to stress that no good is done by emphasizing language likely to shock or offend the more sensitive pupils or, for that matter, their parents.

Councillor George Foulkes, chairman of Lothian Education Committee, said later that he regretted that Mr McElhone had interfered in a matter that was not his specific responsibility. Mr McElhone's attitude was nothing short of censorship.

› piped into ›hbour's home

›ony West, aged 33, a believed the family ›or had a grudge against ›o he drilled a hole › the wall, connected a tube to his gas fire and ›as into his neighbour's it was alleged at War- rown Court yesterday. ›est, of Frankwell Drive, ›, was jailed for 12 after pleading guilty to ›cing obnoxious gas into ›ighbour's house. The tion said: "The concen- of gas was so great that ›d have blown up the block had it been ›"

Phillips expands provincial network

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Phillips yesterday announced the acquisition of the Leeds sale rooms run by Hepper Watson & Sons, a firm of chartered surveyors. It provides an important extension to Phillips's provincial network. They already have sale rooms in Edinburgh and Birmingham, in addition to offices in Dublin and Geneva. Last autumn they acquired an old-established Montreal auctioneering firm.

The new sale room will be directed by Mr Christopher Edmondson, one of Phillips's silver experts. Hepper's auctioneering staff will be joining Phillips.

A fine early painting by Ivon Hitchens, "Pink poppy and blue bowl", was sold at Phillips's yesterday for £2,000 (estimate £3,000). The sale mixed English and Continental paintings of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, including a good number of minor works of distinction, but did not attract strong bidding. Out of 210 lots 82 were unsold, leaving a net total of £14,367.

The star item was a charcoal and watercolour drawing of a "Caryatid" by Modigliani, which was bought in at £6,500 against an estimate of £8,000. However, a little "Still life with a jug of anemones" by Louis Valtat, colourful and attractive, was sold at £800 (estimate £1,000) and a single mysterious "Walking figure" by Lowry at £700 (estimate £750 to £1,000).

A magical "Landscape" of woodland flowers by Michael Ayrton made £400 (estimate £400 to £500) and one lucky purchaser secured a real bargain in Carel Weight's "Hammersmith Palace" at £130 (estimate £600 to £800).

The sale underlined how inexpensively fine paintings and drawings by lesser known twentieth-century artists can be obtained. A highly amusing caricature of two military figures by Rex Whistler entitled "Strictly between ourselves" attracted no bid in spite of an unambitious estimate of £150. Two watercolours of outstanding charm by William Gaunt, the distinguished writer on art and occasional contributor to *The Times*, were sold for £18 and £22, ridiculously low prices in view of their quality.

A new auction record for a carpet was established by Sotheby Parke Bernet in New York on Saturday, when a silk Heriz medallion carpet was sold for $47,500 (estimate $40,000 to $60,000) or £23,400.

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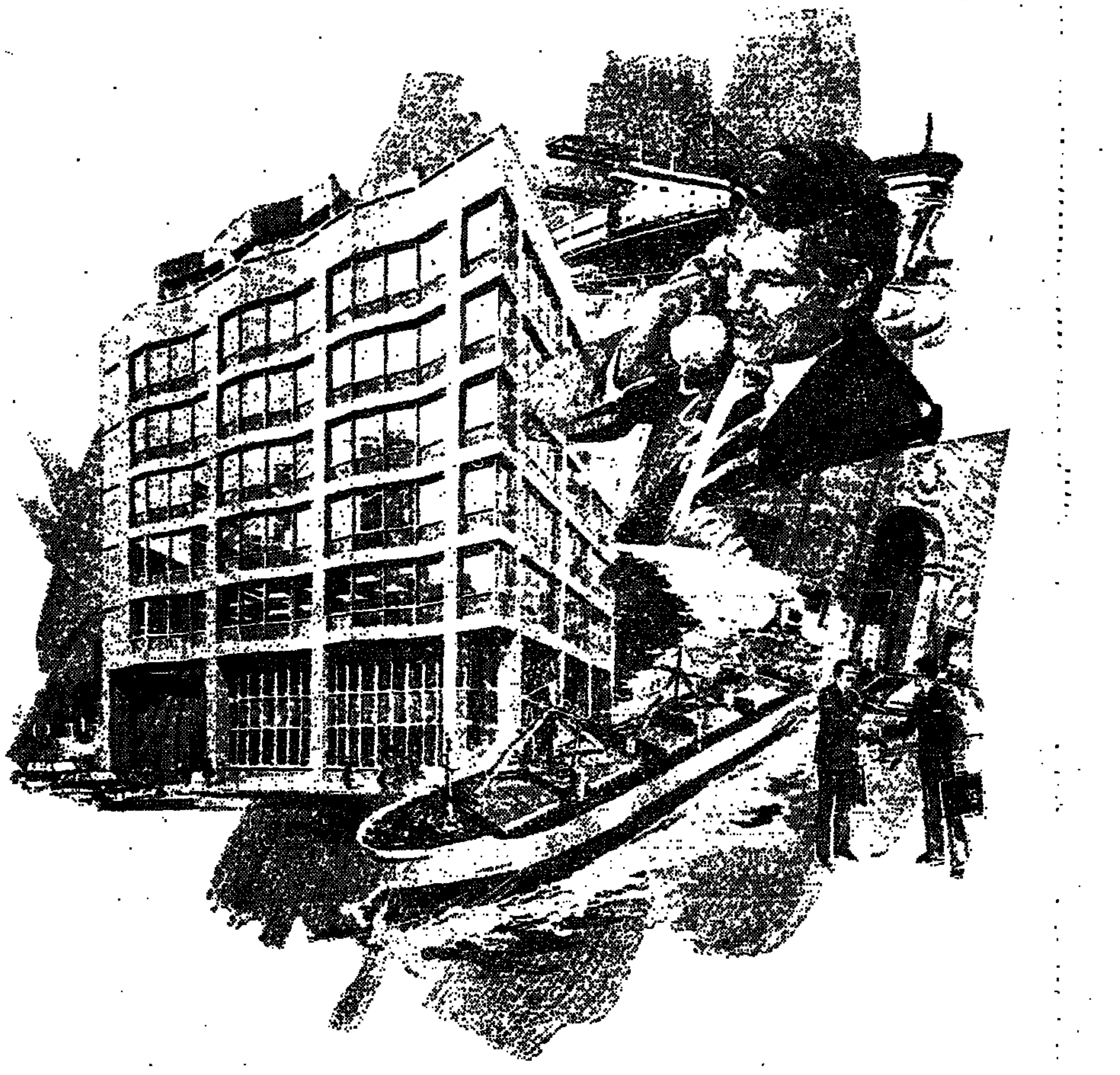

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Manchester starts a fairer system for allocation of homes

From John Chartres
Manchester

Manchester City Council's housing department, often accused in the past of being remote and inhuman, intends to introduce a new system of allocating tenancies which it claims will be fair, easily understood, and thorough.

Yesterday the housing committee approved in principle a report recommending a new classification system for the 16,000 families on its waiting list and the 9,500 on its transfer list.

One advantage claimed for the proposed system, which will take more than a year to implement in full, is that it will be operated through 15 area offices, thus eliminating the need for would-be tenants to queue at a central lettings hall.

The new scheme will use a points system for allocating houses and flats but will take into consideration a wider range of factors, including the number of children now living in flats on the upper floors of tower blocks, the lengths of journeys to work and separations within families.

Eventually, all applicants will be interviewed by rehousing officers in their existing homes, and will fill in application forms there. For a three-month transitional period, however, applicants will first have to visit one of the area offices. If, during that period, a rehousing officer feels that he must visit the applicant's home to make an assessment, a visit will be made.

The decision to introduce the new system has been taken as Manchester's enormous slum clearance programme, which has tended to take priority over all other needs, nears completion; and it follows the introduction of a giro system for paying rent, which is releasing rent collectors for new duties as "estate management officers".

The housing committee hopes that the new system will reduce the volume of complaints and appeals made by councillors and MPs on behalf of individuals. At present, according to yesterday's report, up to three councillors and two MPs have been known to review the same case.

Mr Norman Morris, the leader of the city council, said yesterday: "The council has adopted a 10-year strategy which aims to provide people with the sort of housing they want, where they want it. This new system is one of the first steps in implementing that policy."

Mr Allan Roberts, the chairman of the housing committee, said that the decentralization of lettings from the town hall to area offices would mean that people offered a home would be introduced to it in the same way that would-be owner-occupiers are shown round by estate agents.

Advice would be given on such matters as the location of schools, bus routes, doctors and chemists. "Never again will an applicant be handed a key and left without guidance", he said.

The report says that Manchester's director of housing, Mr R. G. Goodhead, is opposed to holding information on race or colour in applicants' files because "definition problems and the risk of abuse outweigh any possible advantages".

Man who made 'animal noises' at inquiry fined

Alistair MacLean, of Beech Hill Road, Sheffield, who was said to have made "all manner of animal noises" at a public inquiry, was fined £30 by magistrates at Bingley, West Yorkshire, yesterday and bound over to keep the peace for a year.

Mr MacLean, aged 25, was alleged to have been part of a "rent-a-disturbance" group at an inquiry at Shipley, West Yorkshire, in November.

Mr Maurice Shaffner, for the prosecution, said the scene at the inquiry into the proposed Aire Valley motorway was one of utter pandemonium, with people chanting, singing and stamping their feet.

Mr MacLean, who pleaded not guilty to using words or behaviour likely to breach the peace, was standing on a chair making animal noises and waving a newspaper about, Mr Shaffner said. His behaviour, in a civilized and democratic society, was anything but civilized.

Mr MacLean told the court "he was exercising his right to heckle at a public meeting. I understand there is no law against it," he said.

Twenty-seven more people still face summonses arising from the disturbance.

Landlords urge link between tax and rent

By Our Planning Reporter

The system of rent subsidies is discriminatory because it provides assistance only to local authority and housing association tenants and not to those in private accommodation, the British Property Federation says in a booklet published yesterday.

The federation suggests that indiscriminate subsidies should be phased out and assistance given only to tenants, whether private or local authority, whose circumstances prevent them from paying the true cost of their accommodation. In principle it would like to see subsidies replaced by a system whereby rents could be set against income when assessing tax.

It wants to see all lettings by resident landlords, and also lettings to students, excluded from the Rent Act. The booklet points out that students do not have security of tenure in accommodation provided by a university or college, whereas some private landlords who might be willing to let to students dare not do so.

"What possible point can there be in having a law which says that a student who rents accommodation for, the period of his studies should then be entitled to remain as tenant of it for the rest of his life, and his children and grandchildren after him?" it asks.

The diminishing band of private residential landlords exists only in a state of "frozen animation" created by the Rent Acts, the federation says. The landlord who regards property primarily as an investment will not be unduly worried at the prospect of his tenant being secure from eviction, but the rate of return on his capital will be vital.

Other people may have houses or flats for which they have no immediate use, but which they know they will need later on and so dare not let. A person with vacant property is not a landlord until and unless he lets it. What motive has he nowadays to let it? He has everything to lose by doing so, the federation says.

Policy for Housing (British Property Federation, 35 Catherine Place, London, SW1E 6DY, £1).

Kidnap threat alleged

Ahmed Elkhouly, aged 24, an Egyptian student, of Queens Gardens, Paddington, London, was remanded in custody for a week at Marylebone Magistrates' Court yesterday, accused of making threats to Ali Shehata Ali Mahmoud that he would kidnap his daughter-in-law.

Friends Roadshow bus, recently back from Poland, on show to delegates at the symposium yesterday at the City University, London.

Tent ballet attracts big audience

By Our Arts Reporter

Portable "big tops" to accommodate ballet (and later, perhaps, opera) have achieved a big success both inside and outside London, Mr Paul Findlay, of the Royal Ballet, told a symposium at the City University in London yesterday. But they would never become a substitute for the permanent theatre, he said.

The symposium was organized by the Arts Council in conjunction with the university.

Mr Findlay said the Royal Ballet had played to audiences in Battersea Park, in Plymouth and in Newcastle, in portable structures. The result in London was a 50 per cent new audience; in Newcastle the company had played to capacity for two weeks. On its previous visit, with considerably reduced forces, it had played for a week at the Theatre Royal with 85 per cent capacity.

"It is clear from this that a large audience will come to see the Royal Ballet in a tent if they are made to feel welcome and if they are given the sort of production we do at Covent Garden."

In the absence of suitable theatres the "big top" was a means of taking the Royal Ballet outside London. "But we hope in the end theatres will become available and existing ones adapted so that the larger section of the Royal Ballet can be taken round the country on a regular basis, and eventually, we hope, the Royal Opera."

Opening the symposium, Mr Angus Stirling, deputy secretary-general of the Arts Council, said it was no accident that the upsurge of interest in portable buildings owed much to the search of arts administrators for a means of taking art out to the people, and questioning whether the more traditional buildings, though imposing and grand, were enough.

But it was vital to understand the limitations of those buildings and the sort of performances and exhibitions they could best present, he said.

Detective encouraged burglar, court told

From Our Correspondent
St Albans

A detective sergeant is to be prosecuted accused of encouraging a burglar to raid homes, it was disclosed at St. Albans Crown Court, Hertfordshire, yesterday. The burglar, jailed for four years, alleged that the detective acted as an agent provocateur in an attempt to trap receivers of stolen goods.

A police investigation was ordered after the burglar, Paul Hodgkinson, aged 24, had made a statement to Det Chief Supt Charles Naan, head of Cambridgeshire CID, at the latter's home, the court was told.

Mr Hodgkinson, of Herbert Street, Watford, was jailed after admitting four hoax raids in Hertfordshire; nine similar offences were taken into consideration. He stole colour television sets and antique guns and weapons worth £1,000.

Miss Stephanie Stephenson, for the defence, said the raids began after Mr Hodgkinson had been met at the prison gates after his last jail sentence by the accused detective. The plan was for Mr Hodgkinson to carry out the burglaries, and inform on the receivers to the detective. On his solicitor's advice, Mr Hodgkinson made his statement to the CID chief.

Miss Stephenson said: "The officer visited him while he was still in prison and met him on his release. The offences might not have been committed without the active encouragement and the licence he was given by this officer.

"When Hodgkinson last appeared before a court, early in 1975, he intended to go straight, but the officer took him home from the court, and continued the pressure. There has been an inquiry, and there will be a prosecution."

Mr Robin Grey, for the prosecution, said: "An investigation has been carried out. The Director of Public Prosecutions says action will be taken against the officer, and Hodgkinson will be the main witness."

Hertfordshire police confirmed that an officer was under investigation.

Seven men jailed for dining car fraud plot

Seven dining car stewards and cooks in trains between King's Cross, the North-East and Scotland, who stole £66,000 from British Rail were sentenced at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to imprisonment.

Two others were involved in the conspiracy to defraud British Rail by not handing over money passengers had paid for meals in the train. One was given a suspended sentence, and the other was fined £100.

One of the nine, David Taylor, aged 29, of Oakwell Crescent, Leeds, who stole £20,000 was sentenced to four years' imprisonment. Judge Sutcliffe also made a bankruptcy order against him.

The accused were variously charged with a total of 75 offences involving theft and fraud from British Rail. They all pleaded guilty.

John Rowham, aged 28, of Ickworth Park Road, Walthamstow, London, involved in stealing £2,700, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment; Derek Gove, aged 39, of Orchard Close, Great Oakley, Harwich, Essex, who stole £5,600, was sentenced to three years; Josef Kudla, aged 48, of Westbourne Park Villas, Bayswater, London, was sentenced to three years for stealing £8,300.

Cornelius Hunter, aged 22, of Boundary Road, Tottenham, London, who stole £15,800, was sentenced to three years; Anthony O'Brien, aged 22, of Champion Hill, South Norwood, London, who stole £6,000, to two and a half years; Alexander King, aged 52, of Derek Gardens, Southend-on-Sea, who stole £4,500, to two and a half years; and Bernard Corrigan, aged 24, of York Way, Islington, London, who stole £354, was given a six-month suspended sentence. Bernard Pearson, aged 28, of Marlborough Road, Dagenham, Essex, was fined £100 for receiving two sums of money totalling £73.

Mr Michael Sherrard, QC, for the prosecution, said the fraud took place between January, 1974, and the end of last February. Mr Raojibhia Patel, aged 34, a clerk at King's Cross, discovered a 24p discrepancy in one bill and it was found that a bogus stamp was being used to forge receipts.

That enabled the stewards and cooks to pocket the money passengers had paid for meals in the trains while accounting for the food used on each trip.

The court was told that several of the stewards, who earned between £35 and £45 a week, were buying their own homes and had expensive cars.

Solicitor 'stole nearly £46,000 from his clients'

From Our Correspondent
Leeds

A solicitor treated himself to a Jaguar car and a Mediterranean cruise from clients' money, it was stated at Leeds Crown Court yesterday.

Mr Gordon Atkinson, for the prosecution, said that in all Christopher Webb, aged 34, of Wensley Road, Nottingham, stole nearly £46,000 from his clients while senior partner in the practice of Waddington and Company, of Keighley, West Yorkshire.

Mr Webb, now struck off by the Law Society, had turned to crime, it was said, when the bank and his former partner began pressing for the repayment of loans.

Mr Webb was jailed for three years. He pleaded guilty to nine theft offences involving sums between £900 and £9,500, and three offences of obtaining pecuniary advantage by deception. The court was told that all but £8,000 had been repaid.

Scots councillor accused of corruption

James Lumsden Stewart, aged 44, a councillor and former magistrate, appeared before Sheriff Christie at Dundee Sheriff Court yesterday, accused of corruption and was released on bail of £250.

The hearing was in private. Mr Stewart, of Hazel Avenue, Dundee, was arrested on Saturday.

Mr Charles Hogg, procurator fiscal, said after the brief hearing: "James Lumsden Stewart appeared in chambers before Sheriff Christie, charged with a contravention of section 1(1) of the Public Bodies Prevention of Corruption Act, 1889."

Mr Stewart has been a councillor in Dundee for more than 20 years. He has been chairman of the City Labour Party, leader of the Labour group in the council and a member of the Scottish Council of the Labour Party.

He is married and has three children. He has stood as a parliamentary candidate in several general elections.

Gale victim dies

Mr Tudor Jones, aged 20, a student, of Pen Dinas, Caersws, near Newtown, Powys, who was injured when part of his home collapsed in the gales of 10 days ago, has died in Aberystwyth. His mother, Mrs Rosalind Jones, was killed in the collapse.

Murder charge

Terence Victor Biebuyck, aged 39, a steel erector, of Seaforth Avenue, Southend, Essex, will appear at Southend Magistrates' Court today, charged with the murder of Gustav Kokos, aged 40, a Wall of Death rider, of Sea Road, Westgate, Kent.

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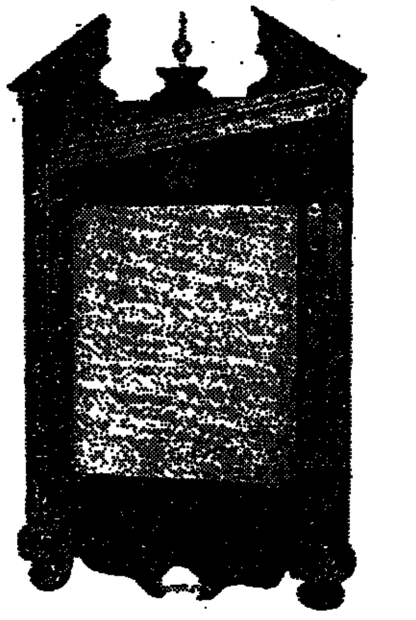

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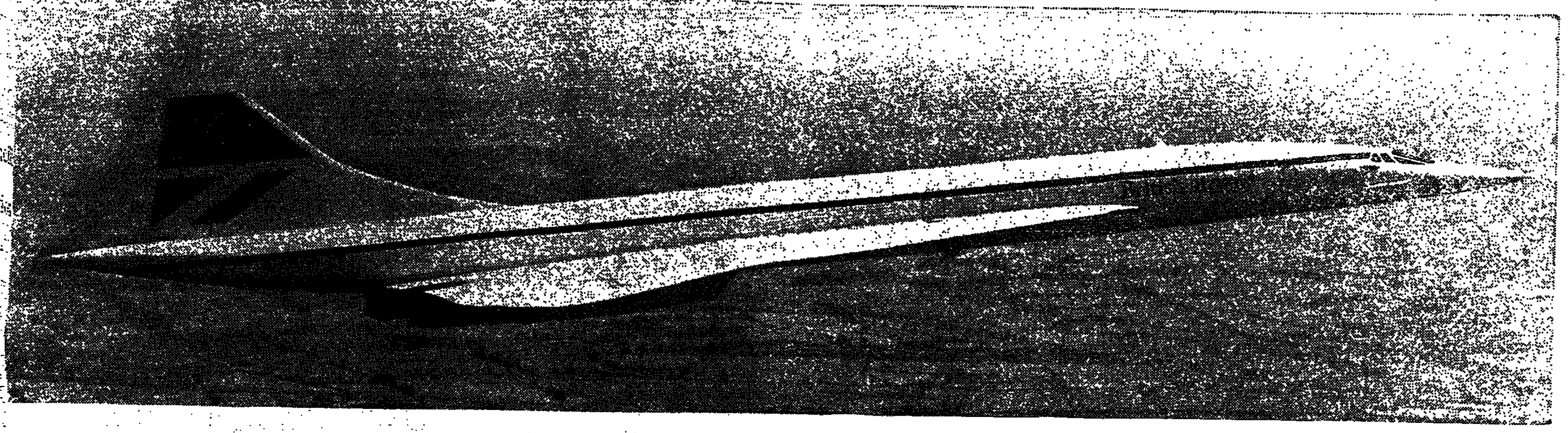

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Announce Reporter

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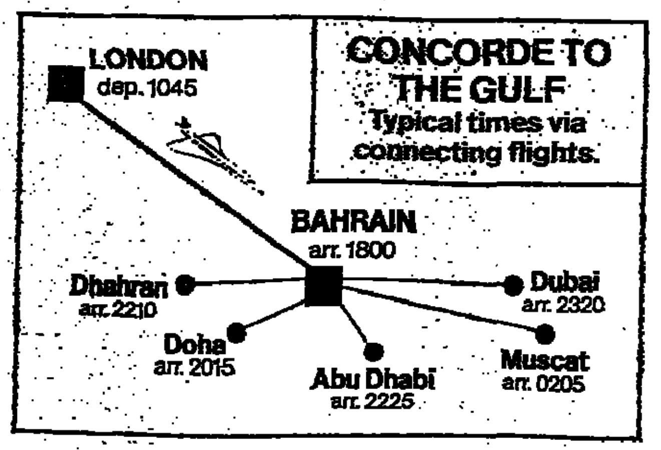

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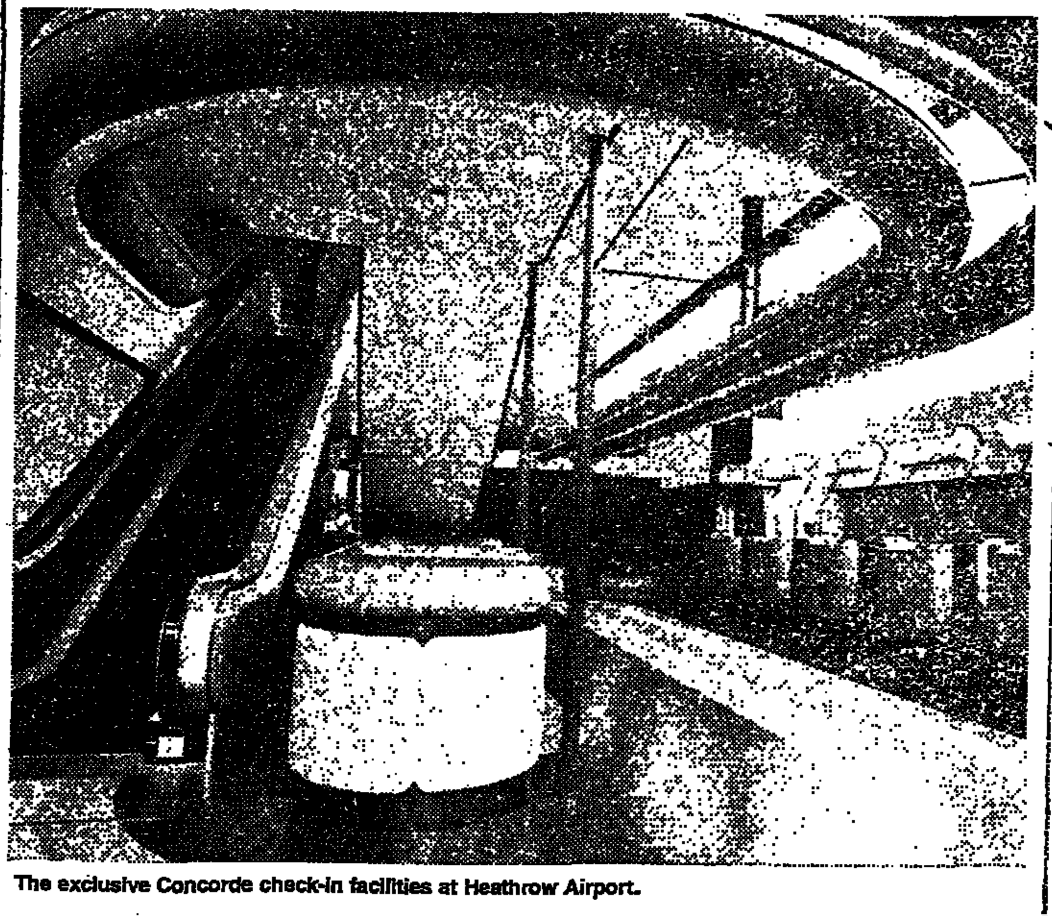

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Announce Reporter

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AN EVENTUAL world network of supersonic services with their fleet of five Concordes is planned by British Airways, building on the experience of its London-Bahrain flights.

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To the south, British Airways plans to fly to Johannesburg with one intermediate stop, and to the east to Tokyo with one stop in the Soviet Union.

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WEST EUROPE

Five women in French government reshuffle

From Charles Hargrove,
Paris, Jan 12

The sixth government reshuffle since President Giscard d'Estaing took office in May 1974 was announced tonight. It is limited in scope and does not affect the office of Prime Minister, or any of the principal key portfolios, like Interior, Finance, or Foreign Affairs.

Some ministers switch posts, while others lose their jobs. As expected, there is a substantial change among junior ministers, in the interests of greater efficiency and policy, not of political equilibrium.

M Jean Lecanuet, the Minister of Justice and leader of the Democratic Centre, one of the three parties of the government majority, is promoted to the rank of Minister of State.

But the most significant changes are the replacement of M Pierre Abelin, a centrist and Minister of Cooperation by M Jean de Lipkowski, a Gaullist, and that of M Norbert Ségard, the Minister for Foreign Trade, by M Raymond Barre, a non-parliamentarian economist and former member of the European Commission.

The reshuffle is marked by a reinforcement of the feminine element. Mme Alice Saunier-Seïté, the rector of Rheims University, becomes State Secretary in charge of Universities; Mme Christiane Scrivener, a director of the government employment agency for technicians and engineers, becomes State Secretary for Consumers' Interests, a new post. This makes a total of five women ministers instead of four. Contrary to some reports, both Mme Françoise Giroud, the State Secretary for Women's Affairs, and Mme Hélène Dorlhac, the State Secretary for Penal Reform, retain their posts.

Two other new junior ministries are also created. One for Manual Labour, goes to M Lionel Stoleru, the President's personal adviser on social affairs who has been specially entrusted with job enrichment problems. The other for the Food Industry, goes to M Jean Tiberi.

A new post of state secretary is created to assist the Minister of the Interior, and given to M Pierre Christian Taittinger, an Independent Republican senator.

M Jean-François Poncet, a young diplomat and confirmed European, becomes a second State Secretary at the Foreign Ministry.

The reshuffle involves the departure of six ministers or junior ministers, and the appointment of 11 newcomers.

In addition to M Abelin, those who leave are Mme Annie Lesure, the junior minister in charge of infant education, whose post disappears; M Achille Fould, the former Junior Minister of Posts; M André Jarrot, the Minister for the Quality of Life; M Jean-Francois Deniau, the Junior Minister for Agriculture, who could not get on with his minister; and M Gérard Ducray, the Minister for Tourism.

Politically, the new Government is more evenly balanced than its predecessor. M Giscard d'Estaing's Independent Republicans are as strongly represented as the Gaullists. Its composition reflects the President's desire that it should be a younger team, and that it should include new men

The nature of the reshuffle confirms the President's intention of pushing ahead with his policy of reform.

Damage to the frigate Andromeda from its collisions with Icelandic gunboats, including bent guard rails and lost fittings, is shown yesterday in Devonport.

Icelandic threat to quit Nato

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Jan 12

Iceland told the North Atlantic Council here today that if the Royal Navy did not leave Icelandic waters this would inevitably lead to a reconsideration by Reykjavik of its part in the Nato alliance.

This warning came during a strong exchange between Mr Tomas Tomasson, the Icelandic ambassador to Nato, and Sir John Killick, Britain's permanent representative, at a meeting of the council devoted to the latest developments in the cod war.

Dr Joseph Luns, the Nato secretary-general, told the council he had accepted an Icelandic invitation to visit Reykjavik for discussions and he hoped thereafter also to visit London. There has been no official invitation from the British but it is understood this will certainly be forthcoming. Dr Luns is expected to leave for Iceland later this week.

Members of the council, which is the alliance's chief political body, "generally expressed their concern" at the dispute

Speaking to the press after the council meeting, Mr Tomasson said his Government could not accept continued ramming of Icelandic coast guard vessels by the Royal Navy. He said the first step towards a settlement must be the withdrawal of the Royal Navy.

Mr Tomasson did not accept that there was any reciprocal obligation on Iceland to cease what "the British call harassment but we call law enforcement", a reference to the activities of Icelandic gunboats which have been cutting the wires of British trawlers.

He agreed that the Keflavik Nato base near Reykjavik was operated by the Americans under a bilateral agreement, but he emphasized that there was a "definite link" between Iceland's membership of the alliance and continued use of the base.

Speaking separately to the press, Sir John Killick said he had made a firm statement to the council saying that Britain would be delighted to withdraw Royal Navy protection provided that "harassment" of British fishing vessels ceased. A negotiated solution was both *possible* and *urgently* necessary.

Sir John said Britain took the threat of Icelandic withdrawal from Nato very seriously. But if it did so it would lose the protection pledged by the Nato treaty, which was important in *the light of* growing Soviet naval strength.

Reykjavik, Jan 12.—Icelandic fishermen today threatened a total blockade of the American-run Nato radar post at Grindavik *if* their demands for American help against British "*violence*" *were not met*.

Andromeda back: Captain Robert Gerken, commanding officer of the 2,500-ton frigate Andromeda, which returned to Devonport naval base yesterday after collisions with two Icelandic gunboats, said that if it came to a "barging match" the Icelanders had the advantage. The frigates were faster but the gunboats had heavier plating.

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Dutch MP admits being consultant to Gulf Oil

From Our Correspondent
The Hague, Jan 12

A former Dutch Foreign Minister, a member of Parliament and the editor of a prominent weekly magazine, have issued a statement saying they have all been paid by Gulf Oil for "advisory services" during *the past three years*.

Two weeks ago Gulf Oil said that three Dutch consultants, including a Socialist MP, were on its payroll. The Socialists immediately asked Gulf to name hi mas its MPs are not allowed to take on pair functions outside their parliamentary work.

When Gulf refused to comply with this request, Mr Max van der Stoel, the Foreign Minister, told Parliament that the matter would be investigated "to the bottom". The Socialist Party committee announced that the name would be disclosed, even if it meant *sending* a delegate to America to dig it out.

It now appears that the MP concerned is Mr Bauke Roolvink, Minister of Social Affairs and Public Health from 1967 to 1971, who is not a member of the Socialists but of the Protestant Anti-Revolutionary *Party (ARP). The ARP is one* of five parties in the present coalition government nominated by the Socialists and their partners.

Another signatory to today's statement is Dr Norbert Schmelzer, Foreign Minister from *1971* to *1973* who said that Gulf approached him shortly after he ceased to be minister. He was asked for advice on how to fit Gulf's operations into Holland's strict rules on the environment.

At that time Gulf was engaged in a running battle with the Rotterdam authorities after a series of incidents at its chemical plant had led to heavy pollution and a fire.

The third man involved, Dr Ferry Hoogendijk, is editor of *Elseviers* magazine, and also a well-known television and radio commentator.

According to the statement made by the three, Gulf required information on its social, international and public relations policy. All three said that their contact with Gulf ended last May.

Deputies give full support to Signor Moro

From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, Jan 12

The steering committee of Christian Democratic deputies today decided unanimously to propose to the President the name of Signor Aldo Moro, the outgoing Prime Minister, as a candidate to form the next government.

Friends of Signor Moro made clear today that the object of this immediate choice was not only to acknowledge his efforts so far to deal with the country's economic crisis, but also to encourage an early settlement of the problem of giving the country a government on a basis of continuity.

In the meantime, President Leone went through the first day of his consultations with political leaders, seeing two former presidents of the Republic, seven present and past presiding officers of the two Houses of Parliament and five former prime ministers who have not held either of the other functions. Tomorrow he will see leaders of the political parties and then decide who to call on to try to lead a new Administration.

Paris court clears two of Delon bodyguard murder

From Richard Wigg
Paris, Jan 12

A Paris appeals court ruled today that there was no ground for putting M François Marcantoni on trial for complicity with others in the murder of *Stephan Markovic*, a former secretary and bodyguard of M Alain Delon, the French film *star*, in October, 1968.

But the case, which for more than seven years has intrigued the public because of alleged political undertones, has still *not finished. Mr Roland Dumas*, counsel for the victim's family, immediately announced that he would be taking the case before the Cour de Cassation.

Another principal figure in the case, M Uros Milicevic, who was charged last September *with complicity and instigating* the crime, was also discharged today by the Paris court because of his mental condition and the absence of evidence against him. The court also relieved the family of the victim, a Yugoslav national, of all expenses in filing *partie civile* proceedings, designed to obtain compensation for their loss.

Judge Alain Jegou ruled that, despite some troubling elements, there were far too many deficiencies and uncertainties in the investigations to justify putting M Marcantoni on trial. He was ruling on a Versailles magistrate's findings which recommended a trial. The body of Markovic was found with a bullet wound in the head *on a public rubbish* dump at Elancourt, outside Paris.

Me Gerard Dubigny, one of the counsel for M Marcantoni, promised after the decision: "We will have an opportunity to speak about this case which, for other than judicial motives, *still goes on*." However, Me Dumas accused the Government "and particularly those friends of the former President still in office" of having given orders that the case should now be dropped.

French mining chief beaten in reprisal for deaths

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Jan 12

M Paul Gardent, head of Charbonnages de France, the national coal mining concern, was beaten, gagged and then handcuffed at his Paris home this morning by four young men. His wife and son were also handcuffed before the attackers fled.

The police released them. M Gardent, who is 54, was taken to hospital for treatment.

The attack was related to the Liévin pit disaster in northern France in December, 1974, when 42 miners were killed on restarting work after Christmas. Fire damp has been blamed.

The attackers today told M Gardent: "This is for the dead of Liévin." Later, an extreme left-wing organization calling itself "Overcome and Live". claimed responsibility for the assault and attacked "the capitalist system for legalizing these crimes". It praised the recent actions by a group of young French investigating magistrates who have drawn attention to deficiencies in their country's factory laws, but added that the magistrates' attitude was "not enough".

The French Mining Engineers' Association has expressed its sense of outrage at the attack

The attack came only days after the head of the state-owned mines in the Nord and Pas-de-Calais had commented publicly for the first time on the Liévin tragedy.

At the funeral of the victims M Chirac, the Prime Minister, had promised that "all light will be shed on the disaster". The local coal authority official argued last week that when a decision was taken to exploit a mine, engineers did bear responsibility for their own acts, but not for "risks which, in the present state of technology, it is impossible to avoid".

Foreign workers leaving Germany

From Dan van der Vat
Bonn, Jan 12

The number of aliens in West Germany has begun to fall for the first time since 1967, according to the latest figures just published.

The Federal Statistics Office announced that there were about 4,089,000 foreigners living here at the *end of September*, when the central aliens' register was last checked. That represents a fall of about 38,000, or barely 1 per cent, compared with a year earlier, and can be attributed directly to the economic recession. Nobody doubts that the downward trend is continuing.

The relatively small decline in the net foreign population however masks a considerably larger reduction in the foreign labour force from its 1973 peak of about *2,350,000*.

Most of the foreign population are nationals of six Mediterranean countries. Of these, Yugoslavs, Italians, Greeks, Spaniards and Portuguese, *taken together, declined* by 102,000, or 5 per cent. Only the Turkish community increased, by 49,200 to a new peak of 1,077,000.

As there has been no recruitment of non-EEC labour since November, 1973, the increase in the Turkish population, West Germany's largest alien minority, is due entirely to an extraordinarily high birth rate.

According to unemployment figures at the end of December, out-of-work aliens continue to form a disproportionately high element in the figures for the work force as a whole. Although they constitute about 9 per cent of the labour force, foreigners account for 11.35 per cent of the unemployed.

The national unemployment rate is now 5.3 per cent, but that for aliens is 6.3 per cent. Yet whereas unemployment among West German nationals rose by 10.8 per cent compared *with a year earlier, the rate* for aliens rose by only 2.6 per cent. The Federal Labour Office attributes this difference to increasing departures for home of foreign workers.

Although the total alien population can be expected to decline again this year, its uneven distribution geographically and economically means that it will never serve as a "cushion" for unemployment among West German citizens.

Nearly 30 per cent of foreigners live in North Rhine-Westphalia, where they account for more than one in 14 of the population of West Germany's most populous state. In Baden - Württemberg they amount to one in 10 of the population. They also tend to do the lower-paid or "dirty" jobs which West Germans still do not seem to want.

Denmark may order out 'fifth KGB man'

From Our Correspondent
Copenhagen, Jan 12

A fifth Soviet official is expected to be ordered to leave Denmark shortly, according to the newspaper *Berlingske Tidende* today. It reported yesterday that four others were expelled last October for illegal intelligence activities. No official confirmation has been forthcoming.

The official Danish silence is understood to be a protective measure to avoid reciprocal ex*pulsions. The Danish Embassy* in Moscow has a total staff of five diplomats, and their enforced departure would in effect sever diplomatic relations.

The five Russians were said to be KGB agents—three members of the Soviet Embassy and two on the staff of a trade delegation.

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FNLA claims to have captured hundreds of prisoners in parachute raid near Luanda

Kinshasa, Jan 12.—Guerrillas of the National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA) made a night parachute attack on hostile positions near Luanda and took hundreds of prisoners, the Zairean Azap news agency said today.

They also took important quantities of Soviet weapons in their attack last night on troops of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA).

The parachute drop last night was near Quifangondo within 16 miles of Luanda, Azap said in a report from Ambriz, in northern Angola. It said some MPLA troops were wounded. Captured Soviet weapons included AK-47 assault rifles, rocket launchers and three tanks.

The agency quoting sources close to the FNLA said that several dozen FNLA troops made the attack. Luanda itself is held by the MPLA.

Azap also said that citizens driven from the northern town of Uige (formerly Carmona) by Cuban troops last week were organizing themselves into underground units. An MPLA communiqué broadcast from Luanda on January 5 claimed that Uige, which it described as an FNLA headquarters, had been captured by its troops.

Azap today said that townspeople driven into the bush by the Cubans were arming themselves, principally with weapons stolen from the present occupants. It said the Cubans in the town were "perpetually drunk and involved in internal quarrelling". *This indicated* that the MPLA might lose the town within a short time.

But another report in Kinshasa said FNLA troops had withdrawn from Ambriz. FNLA sources in Kinshasa described it as a strategic withdrawal for a regrouping of forces after the MPLA offensive last week.

FNLA and Unita were said to be holding their positions in a partial truce on the southern front line, and the Marxist administrators of Luanda were said to be confronted by strikes and a typhoid threat.

Military sources with the FNLA-Unita Army said that they held their positions on the southern front, in the Porto Amboim, Gabela and Quibala area, about 250 miles south of Luanda. The MPLA had launched several attacks on some positions but had failed to take them.

Luanda radio broadcasts monitored in South Africa, said workers in the Quibalda area had left their jobs, causing near-paralysis of essential services. The radio urged nurses, mechanics, civil servants and bakers to go back to work, but gave no reasons for the strikes.

The radio also warned residents of Luanda to boil all household water from the city's reservoir because the capital's purification plant had run out of chlorine and there was a danger of a typhoid epidemic spreading.

New York: Cuba will continue to send troops to Angola even if the Organization of African Unity (OAU) demands an end *to foreign intervention* there, a senior Cuban Government Minister today was quoted as saying.

In a dispatch from Havana, *The New York Times said* Senor Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, Deputy Prime Minister for *Foreign Affairs, had made* the remark to American correspondents this weekend.

Windhoek: A ship loaded with about 2,000 Angolan refugees is heading for the South-West African port of Walvis Bay, informed sourcesasaid today.

They named the ship as the Silver Sky and said it took the refugees on board at Mocamedes, southern Angola, about 610 miles north of Walvis Bay. It was not known if the South African authorities would let the ship enter harbour, and a Cabinet decision was expected later today.—Reuter, Agence France-Presse and UPI.

Police open fire on rioting ANC faction

From Our Correspondent
Salisbury, Jan 12

An African man was shot dead by police last night in the Midlands city of Gwelo after about 200 supporters of the Muzorewa African National Council faction went on the rampage. A police spokesman said today that the police were forced to open fire after being called to the Mkoba township at about 6 pm after an outbreak of stoning.

The crowd damaged shops, buses, private cars and homes, and punched and stoned anyone they believed to be a supporter of the rival ANC faction supporting Mr Joshua Nkomo. The trouble was believed to have started in a beer hall after Nkomo supporters taunted followers of Bishop Muzorewo about the six-month absence from the country of their leader.

In quelling the riot, police also wounded a man and several people were arrested. *The disturbance lasted about* two hours.

The last politically-inspired riot which resulted in shooting was seven months ago, when trouble erupted in several Salisbury townships and 11 men were shot dead by police. *Last November a Nkomo supporter* was stoned and beaten to death in Bulawayo.

Addis Ababa warning on OAU split

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as black Africa's principal enemy.

"We feel very strongly", he went on "that those Angolans who have allied themselves with South Africa have betrayed the whole of Africa. We are surprised we are now being asked to reconcile ourselves with them."

But the MPLA's last-minute attempt to swing the summit behind its attempt to gain recognition appeared to have failed. By early evening it was clear that the meeting was not going to back a resolution recognizing the movement as the government of Angola. The summit was deadlocked with 22 members supporting the MPLA, another 22 favouring a resolution calling for a government of national unity and two uncommitted.

—President Kaunda of Zambia said earlier today that the differences among the delegates were being narrowed and he hoped a compromise agreement would be reached. It was important not to think in terms of numbers but to strive for agreement.

Despite the deep differences that have developed between African leaders during the summit and the many harsh words that have been spoken, it seems that the overriding desire not *to* tear the organization apart is succeeding.

In what was clearly designed to be a public display of unity, both President Nyerere of Tanzania and President Machel of Mozambique saw off Dr Kaunda when he left the conference *hall to return to* Zambia. The Tanzanian and Mozambique leaders are both strong supporters of the MPLA while Dr Kaunda has been a leading advocate in favour of a reconciliation with the other two movements.

In his address *to* the assembly this morning, President Kaunda condemned both the intervention by South Africa and by the superpowers and their allies. The involvement of thousands of non-African regular troops and heavy sophisticated military equipment was "a most dangerous phenomenon which constitutes a grave threat to the entire continent and unity of Africa", he said.

EEC warning on Angolan 'tragedy'

From David Cross
Brussels, Jan 12

The hardening of South Africa's attitude towards Angola and the direct intervention of its troops was one of *the "most alarming signs"* in Africa today, M Claude Cheysson, the Commissioner for the EEC's development aid policy, said today.

It was also "a tragedy" that other countries outside Africa had become involved, he added, in a clear reference to the roles played by the Soviet Union, Cuba and the United States. African unity was at stake and there was a danger of outside forces taking advantage of any split in their ranks.

*M Cheysson, who was address*ing a press conference in Brussels, said he felt the Community should keep quiet about Angola. It would be "shocking" if the Europeans interfered in the internal affairs of an African country.

South Africa's recent moves were disappointing, he said, because in the immediate aftermath of Portuguese withdrawal from Africa, the South Africans had remained aloof. They had given "good and cautious" advice to Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, during his dealings with black Africans and there were signs that Namibia (South-west Africa) might be granted its independence. Now, regrettably, all the signs were to the contrary.

M Cheysson's comments were the first to come from a member of the European Commission on the deteriorating Angolan situation. But EEC member governments, particularly the British, have been active in behind-the-scenes Community moves to condemn foreign intervention and to call for an immediate end to hostilities.

Just before Christmas Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, suggested to his partners that the Community might like to issue a joint statement on *Angola on the eve of the* Organization of African Unity (OAU) summit. This would have called for a ceasefire, the withdrawal of all foreign troops and the establishment of a government of national unity.

But this *idea was dropped* when the French, in particular, argued that such a move might be counterproductive. Instead, the Dutch Ambassador in Addis Ababa spoke confidentially to the Secretary-General of the OAU shortly before the summit began to put the Community's views. Further formal or informal moves by the Community will be made in the light of the results of the summit, EEC officials feel.

At his press conference M Cheysson welcomed the ratification of the Lomé trade, aid and cooperation convention by most *of the 55 countries concerned*. All but five of the 46 African, Caribbean and Pacific countries have now formally ratified the agreement, and all but two of the Nine, Ireland and Italy.

In addition, seven new or prospective independent developing countries had made approaches to join, M Cheysson said. São Tomé Principé had already opened exploratory talks with the Commission and the Cape Verde Islands, Mozambique, the Comores Islands, Papua New Guinea, Surinam and Seychelles were preparing the ground for their membership in due course.

M Cheysson also welcomed the conclusion of similar agreements with Morocco and Tunisia last week. The Community's Mediterranean policy, which is designed to create a vast free trade area spanning more than a dozen countries in the area, was at last beginning to take concrete shape, he added. He hoped that forthcoming negotiations with Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria would be as successful.

Colonel to head revolt against new Quito junta

Quito, Jan 12.—Colonel Jorge Ceballos, one of the leaders of an abortive military coup four months ago, announced today that he was leading an uprising against Ecuador's one-day-old military junta.

Colonel Ceballos left the country after the abortive but bloody coup on September 1, but is reported to have slipped back. He issued his statement from Tulcan, a city on the northern border with Colombia. He said he was "assuming command of the civilian-military uprising against the present Government".

Colonel Ceballos said Sunday's coup, in which the junta desposed President Guillermo Rodriguez Lara had made no significant change at all since the three members of the junta were all hand-picked by General Rodriguez Lara

Thai elections called for April after coalition falls

From Bruce Palling
Bangkok, Jan 12

Mr Kukrit Pramoj, the Prime Minister of Thailand tonight resigned after Parliament had been dissolved at his request by King Bhumibol Adulyadej Announcing that a general election would be held on April 4, Mr Kukrit said he had requested the dissolution because of continuing confusion in Parliament.

The trouble began last Friday, *when Mr Kukrit* reshuffled his Cabinet, bringing in the Social Agrarian Party. The move led to considerable bickering and jockeying for power among the smaller coalition members who considered that the Social Agrarians had gained too much influence.

One deputy minister resigned within 12 hours and there was talk of more defections to the opposition Democrat Party, headed by Mr Seni Pramoj, the Prime Minister's elder brother.

Bangkok's daily newspapers reported this morning that leading rightwingers in the military had urged the Prime Minister to dissolve Parliament to preempt an opposition no-confidence vote later this week, which could have brought about a slightly less right-wing coalition.

Observers had initially thought that the reshuffle would enhance the stability of the Kukrit Government. However, many smaller parties of only two or three members saw the promise of a solid majority as the end of their influence within the Government.

In his speech tonight Mr Kukrit blamed the profusion of parties for his Governments downfall. The reshuffled cabinet had been under pressure from several groups and could not avoid considerable confusion.

Mr Kukrit formed his first coalition Government last March, after a general election *in aJnuary* brought more than 20 parties, none with an absolute majority, into the 269-member Parliament. The biggest block of parties was composed of various factions of the former United Thai Peoples Party, the civilian arm of the former military dictatorship in the late 1960s.

There has been widespread unrest during the nine months of the Kukrit Government, with protest rallies of farmers and workers generally being met with unworkable compromises which merely bought time for the Government.

There is considerable speculation that General Kris Sivara, the recently retired commander-in-chief of the armed forces, will run in the election in one of the major military-backed parties. There is no guarantee that the election will not result in another array of political parties, though the larger ones in the present Parliament are likely to eliminate the smaller.

U S air control head calls for Concorde ban

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Jan 12

The president of the air traffic controllers' organization here has recommended that Concorde be banned from using American airports. Mr John Leyden said that the supersonic airliner would "place an unconscionably high level of hazards" upon the *American air traffic controls* system.

In a report prepared for the organization's annual conference, which is being held in Las Vagas this week, he writes: "Under ordinary circumstances we would have no hesitancy in *recommending* admission to the United States of a technically superior supersonic airplane. The Concorde, however, on the basis of the testimony of its own managers and strongest supporters can only raise threats to the *safety* of the American *airways*."

The report goes on to claim that the distance between Paris and Dulles Airport, Washington, is "at the very maximum level of what French aviation spokesmen have said is the Concorde's maximum operational flight capacity—about 3,650 miles. This would appear to question the margin of safety involved in these flights."

Mr Leyden says that Concorde would have only 35 minutes *flying* time *in reserve* upon arrival from Paris. "It would not provide the necessary flexibility for Concorde's pilot in case of storm, unusual headwinds, poor landing conditions or any unexpected abnormality of operations or traffic patterns."

As a result, according to Mr Leyden, Concorde would require special procedures and extra work for air traffic controllers. He does not mention the number of near-misses recently. There were at least two *occasions last year when Jumbo* Jets nearly collided with other aircraft near American airports.

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Prisoners free hostages

Bahia Blanca, Argentina, Jan 12.—Three hundred prisoners at a jail near here today ended a mutiny and released 10 guards they held hostage. Police said the prisoners had won assurances of better food and treatment, and replacement of the prison governor.

Troops who had ringed the prison were withdrawn after it *was learnt* that *37* suspected left-wing guerrillas held there did not join the uprising, which began yesterday.—Reuter.

Hunt for sunken treasure fails

Invercargill, New Zealand, Jan 12.—A group of treasure hunters seeking an estimated nine tons of gold *sunk* with the sailing ship General Grant in 1866 returned here today apparently empty-handed.

The 43ft fishing boat Atlantis returned from Disappointment Island in the Auckland Group, *300* miles south-east of New Zealand, to report no trace of the treasure worth about £25m.—Reuter.

Moscow renews attempt to heal 14-year Albania split

From Dessa Trevisan
Belgrade, Jan 12

The Soviet Union has used the occasion of Albania's state anniversary to renew its long-standing offer to resume diplo*matic relations*, broken off in 1961 when Tirana backed the Chinese in the split between Moscow and Peking. Albania has so far ignored all such offers from the Soviet Union.

In a message the Soviet Praesidium reminded Albania's leaders that the Soviet Union was ready to reestablish diplomatic relations, and that cooperation between the two countries would be in the interests of both.

Although diplomatic relations ended in 1961, Albania remained a member of Comicon and the Warsaw Pact until *1968*, when it renounced its membership after the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia.

In recent years, however, Soviet propaganda changed its attitude towards Albania considarbly, and while the Albanian media continued to attack "Soviet imperialism", the Russians adopted a more conciliatory tone. Moscow first proposed the resumption of diplomatic relations two years ago, but the Albanians rejected it outright.

Recently *Izvestia*, the Soviet Government newspaper, recalled the years when Soviet-Albanian relations were close, and the gratitude of the Albanian leaders then for the aid they were getting. The implication obviously was that Russia would *be prepared to resume that aid* if the Albanians would accept the offer of diplomatic links.

Meanwhile in Belgrade the trial of four Yugoslavs charged with pro-Soviet activity, due to begin today, was postponed for a month beceuse of the death of the principal defendant's lawyer.

The four men are said to have had connexions with Yugoslav exiles in Moscow whom they asked whether the Red Army might intervene in Yugoslavia after President Tito's death. They are also accused of pre*paring to overthrow* the existing order and bring Yugoslavia under foreign domination.

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Anxious Israel waits to see if America will resort to UN veto

rom Eric Marsden
erusalem, Jan 12

Security checks have been icreased on roads into Jerudem and in West Bank towns 1 the eve of the United ations debate on the Palestinn issue. Recent experience has iown that fear of adverse ternational reaction has not sterred terrorist groups from tacks and the atmosphere is spected to be tense so long as e debate lasts.

Whatever resolution is passed not likely to make much ipact on the determination of r Rabin's Government not to egotiate with the Palestine beration Organization. Conrn is focused on fear of irther erosion in the attitude the United States.

Any alterations made to ecurity Council resolutions 242 id 338, which are regarded ere as the only bases for liddle East negotiations, will e seen as a grave developient. Ministers express confience that the United States ill not allow this, though no ear assurance has been given iat the veto will be used.

Mr Rabin's warning last week iat Israel has the military rength to maintain its polical posture was intended to npress America rather than ie Arabs, and to dispel any npression that there are divions in his Cabinet over the efusal to talk with the PLO. here are divisions, but not on hat point.

It is recognized that the position of the United States as a iediator could be compromised y Israel's decision to boycott ie debate, as Dr Kissinger, ecretary of State, and Mr foynihan, America's United ations representative, have omplained privately. In spite this, it is hoped that the nited States delegate will ppose Arab arguments in his rceful way and that Britain id other western nations will ve their support.

Criticism of the Israel boycott as expressed today by the edgling Council for Israelilestinian Peace at a press nference here. The council ged the Government to rerse its stand and agree to lks with the PLO. Some memrs of the council have had ntacts with PLO representares in Europe and have turned satisfied that the Palestinian organization is prepared to limit its demands to an independent state based on the West Bank and Gaza.

The council, formed two months ago, supports the idea of a third state and is even prepared to accept that Arab Jerusalem could be its capital, though it hopes the city could remain united with a special status. The vast majority of Israelis disagree.

Arabs in the West Bank and East Jerusalem are agog with expectation that the United Nations debate will lead to a breakthrough on the Palestinian issue, in spite of previous disappointments. The depression caused by the Israel-Egypt interim agreement has given way to hopes that the Arab states are following a joint strategy at the United Nations.

This renewed confidence is expressed in a wave of petitions and protests against the continued detention of alleged communist Arabs and against the Israel Government's failure to evict the illegal Jewish settlers from an army camp near Nablus. The Arabic newspapers published in Jerusalem are filled with complaints by detainees' relatives, mayors and councils, businessmen and union leaders.

Agitation for the release of the administrative detainees, who number "several dozens", is not confined to left-wingers. It is supported by relative moderates such as Mr Elias Freij, the Mayor of Bethlehem, leaders of the Nablus town council and the Muslim Supreme Council in Jerusalem.

Most of the men have been held for nearly 20 months without trial, their detention orders being automatically renewed by the Defence Minister every six months. Many liberal-minded Israelis are perturbed over the use of this colonial emergency measure in what they maintain is neither a colonial nor a wartime situation.

Detention orders on some of the longest-held prisoners are due to expire in about 10 days and this is causing tension inside and outside their jails. In a New Year's Day riot at a prison in central Israel, previously only sparsely reported, detainees who attacked the prison's deputy commander were subdued

Fewer admissions but rich and poor alike will continue getting free tuition at City University

Fees still waived on New York campus

From Peter Strafford
New York, Jan 12

The City University of New York is one of the institutions that New Yorkers are most proud of. But it is also one that many outsiders, in Washington and elsewhere, regard as the symbol of the city's extravagance, and it is coming under great pressure to change its ways as a result of the financial crisis.

Until now anyone who had graduated from one of the city's high schools was guaranteed a place at one of the university's colleges. As a full-time undergraduate, moreover, he or she would not have to pay a tuition fee, but would simply have to pay a standard annual fee of $110 (£55) or $70 for the two-year community colleges.

The free tuition remains, and is being vigorously defended. But as a crisis measure last month, the Board of Higher Education voted to begin imposing minimum admission standards, a step that it expected to reduce new enrolment sharply. Altogether, there are now some 270,000 students, including postgraduates and part-time students.

The setting of admission standards has been sharply criticized, particularly in the black community, since it is felt that black would-be students will be the ones most affected. But it is defended as unavoidable at present, and it is only one of a series of measures in the past few months which have increased class sizes, shortened library hours and given the teaching staff more to do.

Free tuition, on the other hand, is a deeply ingrained principle which was first adopted in 1847. It applies to all students, both rich and poor, and is regarded as essential if City University is to attract a proper cross-section of New Yorkers.

Dr Robert Kibbee, the chancellor, told me in an interview recently that for him there were three basic principles at City University: quality education, free tuition and open admissions. He regarded quality education as non-negotiable, and of the other two he regarded open admissions as the one that could better be limited.

Free tuition, like much else in New York, derives from the need to handle a large number of immigrants and to help them on their way in their new American life. But it is very different from the way things are done in the American heartlands west of the Hudson river, where "working one's way through college" is the tradition. And that is why it is criticized.

The main attack against it is that it is no longer necessary, since there are so many sources of student grants, both from the federal Government and from New York State, for poorer students. As for the richer ones, critics say it is a waste of money, in a time of financial stringency, to give them free something they could well pay for themselves.

Dr Kibbee contests these arguments. On the practical level, he told me, he was opposed to the introduction of a tuition fee because it would not benefit either the university or the students.

A more important reason was that even with the grants, it would stop students coming to the university. Dr Kibbee's view is that in the longer run, there will be a greater infusion of funds from New York State into the university.

For the moment, City University, which stayed firmly outside when the state system was set up in the 1960s and which is proud of its standards, is suffering badly from the cuts being imposed on it. But it is still clinging to its separate status, and to its free tuition.

Prague winners: Four British stage designers, Miss Tazeena Firth, Mr Timothy O'Brien, Mr Ralph Koltai and Mr John Bury (left to right), who shared the individual gold medal for set design at the Prague Quadriennale, the world's premier competition for stage designers.

Writ raises hope for release of Britons

Buenos Aires, Jan 12.—A writ of *habeas corpus* has been filed an behalf a British subject and his Argentine wife arrested in November on charges of harbouring illegal left-wing Chilean refugees, the British Embassy said today.

The writ for Mr and Mrs Richard Whitecross was filed on December 6, an embassy official said. The Government legally had until February 6 to decide whether to uphold it. "But the embassy is trying to get the authorities to accelerate the process."

Mr and Mrs Whitecross were in "extremely good health" and were being well treated, he added. The writ also involved a request to leave the country and the general feeling is that the couple will be allowed to leave.

The official denied that there was a parallel between Mr and Mrs Whitecross and Dr Sheila Cassidy, the British doctor who was held in Chile for two months on charges of having treated a fugitive guerrilla.

The embassy official saw no possibility of deliberate delay in the Whitecross case on Argentina's part as retaliation for the dispute over the Falkland Islands. "That is a possibility we have, of course, considered. But so far the Argentines have been correct and I do not think they will tie the two together." A British survey mission arrived in the Falklands last week.

Mr Whitecross has been a representative og the Oxford University Press in Argentina for five years. He and his wife, Cristina, were arrested by the federal police at their flat in Buenos Aires after reports that they were harbouring illegal Chilean refugees alleged to be involved in aiding dissidents inside Chile.—AP.

Cairo warning o Israel on ebanon fighting

om Our Correspondent
iro, Jan 12

Egypt has said it will take ion against Israel if the aelis intervene in Lebanon. Osama al-Baz, Director of Foreign Minister's Bureau, d in a speech at the foreign d Arab relations committee the People's Assembly (Parment) last night: "If Israel ervenes in Lebanon, Egypt ll intervene immediately gainst Israel) to fulfil its ationalist commitments."

Mr Baz's remarks were made gainst the background of growg fears in the Arab world at Israel might exploit the vil war in Lebanon to interne there and annex southern ebanon up to the Litani river.

The leading Cairo newspaper *Akhbar* today attacked the ling Syrian Baath Party as he power behind massacres in banon." It said the party d despatched Palestinian errillas to take part in battles banon".

Third Palestinian camp cut off in Beirut battle

Beirut, Jan 12.—Christian forces blockaded a third Palestinian refugee camp today. Muslim snipers took up positions in Beirut's tallest building as fierce fighting raged across the capital despite heavy rain.

The police said that at least 75 people had been killed and about 150 wounded over the past 48 hours. The estimated toll from nine months of civil war rose to about 8,370 dead and 17,800 wounded.

The American Embassy came in the line of crossfire for the third consecutive day as Army and security troops guarding the barricaded building exchanged fire with Muslim left-wingers.

Christian militiamen surrounded and cut off the roads leading to Dbayyeh, a Palestinian refugee camp on the coast seven miles north of Beirut, after an exchange of shell fire during the night.

The Army today abandoned plans to send a convoy of food through to Tel al-Zaater, another besieged refugee camp, outside Beirut.

The left-wing Palestinians and their Muslim supporters yesterday seized an Army column preparing to ferry food to the camp. They later released the 10 armoured vehicles and their crews. Mr Chamoun, the Minister of the Interior, said the Army could not accept the action of the left-wingers in silence.

Muslim snipers put the embassy and luxury hotel district within their range by seizing the 40-storey Murr tower, Beirut's tallest building, the police said. Christian Phalangists and Muslim Nasserites exchanged machine-gun fire

The Government of Mr Karami has been powerless to act in the crisis. Senior Army commanders met President Franjieh yesterday and reports said that the officers had told him that the Army was ready to intervene.—UPI and Reuter.

British envoys meet in Kuala Lumpur

Kuala Lumpur, Jan 12.—Heads of British Diplomatic missions in south-east Asia met here today to take stock of the situation in the region and chart Britain's future relations with nine countries.

The two-day regional meeting of the envoys was the first since communist forces took over South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. It was presided over by Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Minister of State in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Detailed reports to the meeting by British ambassadors to Burma, Thailand, Laos, North Vietnam, Indonesia and the Philippines, and High Commissioners to Brunei, Singapore, and Malaysia dealt with the internal situation in each country, their relations with each other, Britain and other countries.—Reuter.

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Former maharani freed on two months' parole

Delhi, Jan 12.—Mrs Gayatri Devi, aged 55, former Maharani of Jaipur and an Opposition MP, was released from jail on two months' parole last Friday, Mr Bali Ram Bhagat, the Speaker, told the Lower House today.

The widow of the former Maharaja was jailed a month after the June 26 emergency "for activities prejudicial to the augmentation of foreign exchange" after tax investigations into the family's wealth.

Mrs Gandhi, the Prime Minister, told Parliament last week that Mrs Gayatri Devi had not been given special treatment in jail because she was not a a political prisoner. She had been detained because the Government had information that she could flee the country.—Reuter.

Human rights group waits to hear from Dr Cassidy

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, Jan 12

The United Nations Human Rights Commission's special group on Chile is waiting for evidence from Dr Sheila Cassidy about her experiences there.

Last July the group was refused entry to Chile but witnesses have come forward of their own initiative. Their information is listened to in closed session.

So far, about 120 witnesses have appeared before the group which will be hearing 15 more before compiling its final report for the commission.

Mr Gulam Ali Allana (Pakistan), chairman of the group, said today that he thought Dr Cassidy, who was detained by the Chilean police for eight weeks and tortured after treating a wounded guerrilla, might well be prepared to follow up her newspaper interviews with a statement.

Bishop Helmut Frenz, head of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile, was among witnesses heard today. Awarded the United Nations Nansen Medal in 1974 for his work on behalf of refugees, he was banned by the Chilean Government from reentering the country last October. He had been there for 10 years.

Tiger menace

Jakarta, Jan 12.—Tigers have killed 14 people, most of them rubber tappers and wood cutters, at Bungo Tebo in West Sumatra during the past nine months. Twenty tigers were shot dead.—Reuter.

Japan fails

Tokyo, Jan 12.—After eight hours of talks with Mr Gromyko, Soviet Foreign Minister, on Japan's claims to the return of four Northern islands, Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, Foreign Minister, reported no progress.

Last respects paid to Chou's ashes

From David Bonavia
Peking, Jan 12

Thousands of Chinese and foreign representatives in Peking today paid their last respects to the ashes of Mr Chou En-lai, the Prime Minister.

Long queues filed solemnly into the former Temple of the Ancestors in the south-east section of the Imperial City in central Peking, renamed "the Workers' Cultural Palace". Funeral music was broadcast throughout the old courtyards as the mourners advanced bearing brightly coloured paper wreaths with tributes.

In the main temple they were received by a small group of senior officials headed by Mr Hua Kuo-feng, the Minister of Public Security. They were permitted to stand in silence for a few seconds before a large portrait of Mr Chou and a small carved wooden casket apparently containing his ashes. The casket was draped with a small red flag decorated with a yellow hammer and sickle.

Mr Chou's remains were cremated last night at the Pa Pao Shan cemetery in western Peking.

Today's *People's Daily* prominently displayed a photograph of Mr Chou laid out yesterday at a hospital in the centre of the city, draped with the party flag, his face open to the gaze of friends and former associates filing past his bed.

A few of the people leaving today's ceremony were in tears, but most contained their emotions. A huge queue of Chinese civilians and soldiers waited patiently, with white mourning rosettes in their buttonholes as foreign delegations were given priority.

The arches of the old palace buildings were draped with black and yellow hangings. A huge banner across the eaves of the main temple read: "The great proletarian revolutionary of the Chinese people, the outstanding communist warrior Comrade Chou En-lai will never be forgotten".

Mr Edward Youde, the British Ambassador and his wife, with nine other members of the Embassy staff, attended the ceremony, wearing the black armbands which were handed out at the gate.

The wreath most prominently displayed by the casket was that of Chairman Mao Tse-tung. Outside the door the most prominent was a personal one from Mr Enver Hoxha, the Albanian leader. Friendly embassies, including that of Romania, also sent wreaths as did many other organizations such as the Peking Foreign Languages Institute and a Japanese engineering company.

China was tonight expected to broadcast by satellite television pictures of the funeral ceremonies, apparently the first time such a transmission has been used except in the case of visits by foreign dignitaries.

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UK and Eire determined to stamp out across-border banditry and murder–Mr Wilson

House of Commons

MR HAROLD WILSON, Prime Minister (Huyton, Lab), in a statement on the security situation in Northern Ireland, said murder and *violence in Armagh* reached a new peak in the first few days of this year—first five Catholics murdered in their homes, followed by the shooting down of 10 Protestants returning home from work the following day. There were fears that a whole series of reprisal murders, from one side and then the other, might follow.

I must stress (he said) that the vast majority of the population in Armagh, as in the rest of the Province, are totally horrified and revolted by these atrocities. Their feelings were shown by the mass turnout of both religious communities at recent *memorial* and funeral services, and at special demonstrations for peace—outside as well as inside County Armagh.

Nevertheless, the Government are right in these circumstances in treating the whole of County Armagh as a Special Emergency Area. Steps to strengthen the security forces in the area have already been set in hand.

The Spearhead Battalion had been moved from Great Britain to Armagh. Troops of the Special Air Service Regiment were joining them. They would be used for patrolling and surveillance, tasks *for which they were particularly* suited and trained. They would operate wherever they are required throughout the county. Extra police had already moved to the area, including the Special Patrol Group and the RUC's Anti-Assassination Squad.

Check points

Two battalions of the UDR had already been on selective call-out in the area over and above a continuing and very considerable voluntary response. Like the regular forces of the Crown, they were under the direct control of the GOC and Chief Constable. He hoped that many more people from both communities would come forward to join in this task.

The security forces have stepped up their activity throughout this Special Emergency Area. The House will not expect me to specify all of the measures in detail, but I will give a number of examples:—

(1) There are more check points for vehicles and people.

(2) *There is a much more* extensive use of personal identity checks. I know that people resent being asked who they are and what their business is when they are going about their lawful occasions. These increased checks inevitably cause some inconvenience, but they must be accepted in the interests of the safety of the community as a whole.

(3) Surveillance operations will be increased, particularly along the border.

(4) The existing powers under the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1974, to *question people within a mile of* the border will be used more extensively.

(5) Intimidation of householders has made it necessary for more house searches in the area; but there is no intention of harassing the civilian population.

(6) Existing powers to arrest and question suspects are sufficient, and they will be used to the full in this area with a view to bringing people to justice before the courts. There is no intention of arresting people at random.

(7) As the House knows, this border presents a special problem. *Some, but not all, of the gunmen* operating in Armagh escape to the other side of the border after their cowardly attacks. A number of practical steps are in hand.

A new information system, based on Automatic Data Processing, is to be introduced by the Army to handle existing records so that information can be processed and acted upon more quickly. More border roads can be closed, if this is necessary for security reasons.

We are studying urgently a number of other measures for the greater control over vehicle movement, including a possible system of passes for vehicles using those unapproved border roads which are being permitted to remain open.

But we must be sure that any measures we take will be effective, and not merely consume manpower without hindering the gunmen.

He paid tribute to the cooperation they were receiving from the Government of the Republic of Ireland. The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (Mr Rees) met Mr Cooney, the Minister for Justice *for the Republic, on January* 8, 1976.

There is no doubt (he went on) that the Government of the Republic is as determined as is HM Government to stamp out across border banditry and murder.

There is now close and valuable cooperation between the RUC and the Irish Police. It is in this area of joint cooperation that the greatest hope lies of dealing with this aspect of the present Armagh situation. Action taken on one side of the border without matching action on the other side will not work.

As a result of the talks with Mr Cooney in London the communications and operational contacts between the police forces of both sides have been strengthened, and the programme of joint activity has been extended. It will be pursued with all possible urgency.

Government's duty

The House will be ready to pay tribute above all to the daily work performed throughout the province by the armed forces and the Royal Ulster Constabulary. No praise could be too great for them.

Northern Ireland is part of the United Kingdom. The Government has a duty to protect all its citizens there. This duty will be discharged to the full.

In a wider sense, the whole House knew that a satisfactory solution of the problems of security and the constitutional future of Northern Ireland was necessary to ensure peace and an ensured future for Northern Ireland.

Without a solution of the formidable security problems (he said) the necessary conditions will not exist for constitutional advance and reconciliation. But, equally, without a political solution based on give and take and aimed at reconciling the preponderant peaceable majorities in both of the religious communities, security measures alone cannot ensure the future the people of Northern Ireland have the right to expect.

Determined and sustained action

MRS MARGARET THATCHER, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C), questioning the Prime Minister on his statement on security in Northern Ireland, said: We support and welcome all efforts made to restore law and order throughout the province. We have called for a special effort in South Armagh. Since then there have been killings which have caused a wave of revulsion throughout the United Kingdom that such terrible crimes against humanity could occur in a part of the United Kingdom.

The Prime Minister has the full basis of public opinion to take any action necessary to restore order in that province. We believe the action must be determined and sustained. (Conservative cheers.) Our only worry would be whether he measures he has announced are strong enough for what he describes as a special emergency area.

He referred to a much more intensive use of personal identity checks. Can he say what those checks will be ?

He also referred to the existing powers of arrest and said those powers will be used to the full in this area with a view to bringing people to justice before the courts. This has two implications—that even in this area they have not so far been used to the full and that for the future they will not be used to the full outside this area. Both are serious. It is important that the Prime Minister clears up exactly what is meant.

We welcome his reference to the cooperation he has had from the Government of Ireland and the great cooperation he has had from the police on the other side of the border. Is he satisfied with military link or would it be better if there were staff talks to ensure this is working with maximum efficiency ?

More before courts

MR WILSON—Mrs Thatcher referred to what was said by Mr Whitelaw (Penrith and the Border, C) on November 24. Before that time and since there has been continuing strengthening of the situation on the ground in Armagh. I agree with her that it must be determined and sustained. (Cheers.)

On the question of personal identity checks, this means that the Army and police will, as necessary, stop people and question them about what they are doing and where they are.

I hope there is no misunderstanding about the use of existing powers of arrest. What I said certainly does not mean that these were not used to the full before. There has been in the last year *throughout the province an enormous* increase in the number of people brought before the courts and sentenced—getting on for 40 per cent.

In spite of the release of detainees the total numbers in prison on security offences have considerably increased. The words I used do not mean that it will be an Armagh concentrated policy. It will continue in the future, as in the past, to cover all areas of the province where terrorism is operating or is in prospect.

The measures taken for this special emergency area mean a substantial increase in the forces available and a much more direct attack being possible in that area.

There are sensitive problems about military cooperation with the South, going back into very remote periods of history. What was achieved last week as a result of the Secretary of State's talks with *the Republic's Minister of* Justice is a further improvement, already notable in the time of Mr Whitelaw and very much speeded up since, in relation to police cooperation.

MR THORPE, Leader of the Liberal Party (North Devon, L)—Taking the position in South Armagh, and the fact that Mr Wilson referred only to the strengthening of contact between police forces with the talks with Mr Cooney, in this sphere more than anywhere else in the province, army to army cooperation is as important, if not more important, than police to police contact.

The Irish army, for reasons well known historically have less power, for example, to search, than the police and Army have north of the border. Have the talks gone some way to solving that problem ? Mr Wilson has referred to the possibility of all-party talks on security. Is he likely to be making a statement in that regard ?

MR WILSON—The talks that Mr Rees had with the Minister for Justice were about police cooperation. On the problem of army to army cooperation, our writ does not run south of the border—that matter was settled more than a half century ago—and further the whole concept of the functions of the army in the Republic is *different from the Army here and* other areas where they are deployed. For example, the Irish army does not have any legislative authority to exercise powers for the control of terrorism. Nothing that can be done by negotiations will give them these powers.

They are concerned in the Dail with other legislation which could be of significance in fighting terrorism in Northern Ireland, but we are not in a position to dictate to them, any more than the previous Conservative Government were, that there should be army to army cooperation.

The tightening-up of police to police cooperation will help in every way possible in relation to securith north and south of the border within the limitations I have mentioned.

I have proposed, and it is not a new suggestion, that there should be *talks between the main parties in this House*, including those elected to represent the security interests of Northern Ireland, and that these talks should become quite regular. This does not in any way inhibit the right of any party or MP to express their strongest possible criticism on anything they do not agree with.

This question of security transcends party divisions in this House; we are all united in our determination to see terrorism dealt with. I do not claim any group of MPs have a monopoly of wisdom or ingenuity in dealing with these matters. I *shall* be welcoming ideas put forward.

Following any talks we may have on this basis at Downing Street I would hope, solely within the area of security, and not future constitutional policy, it might be possible that elected representatives to the Northern Ireland convention could be identified with the main Westminster parties in this vitally important task.

MR MOLYNEAUX (South Antrim, UUUC)—We too feel that there must be a sustained determination to eradicate terrorism and there must be no temptation to mark time while certain constitutional discussions are taking place because the outcome of these discussions could not be of any interest to the Provisional IRA.

MR WILSON—There is no question at all of our marking time while awaiting the constitutional *solution. There will be no future* for Northern Ireland unless, first, we have effective security against terrorism, and secondly, a viable and acceptable policy.

MR McNAMARA (Kingston upon Hull, Central, Lab)—This concentration purely and *simply on the border could divert the* attention of people from the real problem which is one of indigenous sectarian violence from both sides of the community within the county.

MR WILSON—There is reason to think that those people who committed the most brutal lining up and murder of the 10 men returning from their factory, were not in the province for more than a relatively few minutes and certainly less than an hour. Therefore, we must take the border question seriously. We are looking at the whole question of county Armagh as well as other areas where terrorism is rife or in danger of breaking out again.

MR HEATH (Bexley, Sidcup, C)—While I fully support Mr Wilson in all the measures he *has announced, I must say, and warn him*, that I believe that the movement of forces he has sanctioned is inadequate to deal with the security situation which has developed in Armagh.

When it was necessary for the last administration to deal with the situation in Londonderry it was only possible to do so by the use of overwhelming forces. It was for this reason that it was successful and that little injury was caused to civilian personnel, and that only two were hurt.

The border problem is one of having sufficient numbers of men to deal with the situation, and to move the Spearhead battalion and the SAS is not sufficient to restore the situation. The only way the security forces can tackle the problem is if they obtain sufficient information and can use the necessary weapons to deal with *this brutal terrorist activity.*

MR WILSON—I respect Mr Heath's experience and knowledge in these matters and I also take seriously his warning. His comparison with Operation Motorman is not valid in this situation. (Some cheers.) That was a problem of a *city and of opening up no-go areas* in the Bogside and the Creggan. That was superbly organized and was carried through with even more success than anyone could have envisaged.

The numbers involved in action against the 10 Protestants returning from work was a small handful whose ability to escape the consequences of their cruel action was due entirely to their mobility and the fact that they were able to get away across the border.

MR FITT (Belfast, West, SDLP)—While supporting the Prime Minister's view that the *majority of the Northern Ireland* population stands together in horror and revulsion at the brutal slayings, will he assure us that in all actions of the security forces, impartiality will be seen to be done in every area throughout Northern Ireland.

There is a suspicion, perhaps some would call it mythology, about the SAS regiment in Ireland. Two interviews have been given this morning to *The Irish Press* and the *Irish Independent* in which two former members of the SAS have said that it is a non-orthodox regiment which uses unorthodox *methods in its everyday duty.*

This may or may not be true, but it is a fact of life that it can create fear in the minds of people who do not fully understand what the SAS regiment is. Can we be assured that it will be under strict military discipline and under the same instructions as any other regiment in the security forces in Northern Ireland, and so allay any fear which may be created by the IRA ?

MR WILSON—*I confirm that the* forces used in the capacities and on the deployment to which I have referred will be against all terrorists, regardless of motivation, *religious background and loyalties.* Anyone who decides to try to decide the future by terrorist weapons and murder will be equally the targets of the security forces. We are talking about all Armagh and not South Armagh alone.

I think Mr Fitt was tempted for a moment to compare the SAS with the CIA, but I see nothing comparable between them in so far as I understand what are the CIA. I find that more difficult every day. (Laughter.) Their official role is the collection of overseas intelligence which is not the basis of the SAS. They will be employed and deployed solely under the control of the GOC as soldiers doing their duties in dealing with all the problems of terrorism.

N Sea licences 'towards end of year'

MR PETER MORRISON (City of Chester, C) asked if the Secretary of State for Energy was satisfied with the proposed levels of oil production from the North Sea for the year 1976.

MR JOHN SMITH, Minister of State (North Lanarkshire, Lab)—The development programme for offshore oil and gas is proceeding on the lines described in the 1975 Brown Book. The oil produced in 1976 will enable us to make a *significant reduction* in our oil imports.

MR VIGGERS (Gosport, C)—When is the next licensing round to take place ? Will he reiterate the assurance that there will be no compulsion on companies to yield 51 per cent of their interest in the North Sea to the Government ?

MR SMITH—The minister made clear in September last year that there may be a licensing round this year. We hope to invite applications in the fairly near future and perhaps award licences towards the end of the year.

On participation negotiations, it has been made clear all along that these are voluntary.

MR HAMISH GRAY (Ross and Cromarty, C)—Do not the Government realize that as a direct result of their policies, investment is being denied to many North Sea projects ? Nowhere is this more obvious than in the platform building industry where there is alarm at the scarcity of orders.

MR SMITH—There is a problem about timing in regard to platform orders and associated equipment. The Government have taken steps to ensure that we have sufficient capacity to meet the orders likely to come forward. We believe important orders will come in the coming year.

Convention to be reconvened next month: Mr Rees seeking more broadly based agreement on Ulster government

MR MERLYN REES, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (*Leeds, South, Lab*), *opening a* debate on Northern Ireland, said the continuing and appalling violence had added to the groundswell of opinion in Great Britain that they should withdraw, cut Northern Ireland adrift and let Northern Irishmen, whether Catholic or Protestant, fend for themselves.

The Government were in no doubt that this would be a grave mistake. It would solve nothing. He had no doubt that withdrawal, abandonment of their responsibilities to citizens of the United Kingdom, would precipitate violence on an even greater scale than they had seen so far.

It must not be assumed that violence could be confined to Northern Ireland. It would spread to Great Britain and also to the Republic of Ireland. Withdrawal would be a shortsighted policy, but above all it would be an irrespons*ible policy. Equally, a united* Ireland was not in the gift of this Parliament.

Some people (he went on) say that we should prepare for withdrawal so that, when we go, we do not leave a Congo-type situation. There would then, they say, be no violence. I simply say that the existence of Northern Ireland, created as it was in the 1920s, and the fears of a divided community, split between the majority and minority, mean that there would be a very real chance of violence from the very moment that a declaration of intent to withdraw was *made.*

The solution to six years of violence and a community divided by the facts of history must be worked out slowly and surely within Northern Ireland and have a firm base in the support of the people of Northern Ireland. It would be a mistake to think that a final solution was going to come immediately. It would be a mistake also to think that they could impose or enforce a constitutional system and expect it to work.

The Convention report displayed a considerable measure of agreement among all the parties in the *Convention on the form of government* for Northern Ireland. There was almost unanimous agreement that there should be a unicameral legislature and a government within Northern Ireland and all the parties agreed on a number of other matters, including the need to devolve to the Northern Ireland government responsibility for law and order and that additional human rights legislation was needed in Northern Ireland.

It was also clear from the report that all the political parties in Northern Ireland, in varying degree, *saw it as different from the* rest of the *United Kingdom in a* number of respects. But however different Northern Ireland might be, to be part of the United Kingdom meant that Northern Ireland was subject to the authority of the Queen in Parliament at Westminster.

The *Government shared with the* Convention the strong desire that direct rule might be brought to an end and that a new system of government might be established within Northern Ireland. But the report did not, in the view of the Government, command sufficiently widespread acceptance throughout the community to provide stable and effective government.

On the other hand, the progress already made by the Convention, and the degree of agreement already reached, encouraged the Government to believe that the Convention could make further progress. The *Government*, therefore, proposed to reconvene the Convention.

There were a number of points arising from the report of the Convention, and from the agreements within that report, on which the Government had now reached conclusions. They would provide a framework within which the Convention should undertake its *further* work. Some were the final conclusions of the Government; others were specific matters which the Government would wish the Convention to consider further.

Provided that the necessary agreement could be reached, the Government accepted in principle the Convention's recommendation that power sharing should be returned to a government within Northern Ireland. This would involve the creation in Northern Ireland of a separate, unicameral assembly and a government with power to legislate for, and to administer, a wide range of matters within Northern Ireland.

The Government shared the views expressed in the Convention report about the importance of collective responsibility. They also accepted the need for an oath broadly in the terms recommended in the report. Both were related to the integrity of Northern Ireland and were important in a divided community.

The Government recognized that a committee system represented an attempt to involve opposition parties more closely in government. It might be of value as part of a wider and acceptable constitutional framework *which provided* adequately for partnership and participation on a basis which commanded the most widespread acceptance. It was a matter which merited further examination.

The Government did not feel able to recommend reexamination of the question of the number of Northern Ireland constituencies returning members to the United Kingdom Parliament in advance of an agreement on a system of government *commanding* the most widespread acceptance.

The *Government noted* that the parties in the Convention all recognised the existence of an Irish dimension, though its nature was open to various interpretations. Such recognition did not in any way call into question any issue about sovereignty over Northern Ireland or the border with the Republic of Ireland.

The Government do not consider it necessary or appropriate (he said) to create an institutional framework such as a Council of Ireland for relations with the Republic. Arrangements for cooperation should evolve positively and naturally as and when the need for them arises and is generally recognized and accepted.

Law and order

The parties in the Convention agreed in principle that a future Northern Ireland administration should have responsibility for law and order. The Government considered that an essential prerequisite was that all members of a Northern Ireland government should publicly support the security forces.

Subject to this (he said) the Government accept this broad aim in principle though there are a number of *subjects*, such as judicial appointments and the administration of the courts, which it would be inappropriate to transfer.

Transfer of responsibility for law and order would necessarily be gradual and the Government would consider how best to give a meaningful role to a Northern Ireland administration on security matters until such time as transfer was complete.

The Army was under the control of a minister accountable direct to Parliament and would remain so. So long as the armed forces were involved in internal security in *Northern Ireland, the Secretary of* State must remain responsible for security policy.

It is the policy of the Government (he went on) to bring about a situation in which there can be a progressive reduction in the present commitment of the Army, both in numbers and in the scale of activity, when it has ceased to be involved in internal security. But this depends upon the Royal Ulster Constabulary and *civil policing* playing an increasing role.

Above all, it depends upon reduction in the scale of violence, for which the General Officer Commanding, and all his soldiers, sailors, and airmen, and the Chief Constable and his police officers strive throughout 24 hours of every day—sometimes with more armchair criticism than active support. I pay my tribute to them all and to their valour, dedication and wisdom.

With ministerial colleagues from other departments, I shall examine the *action and resources* required for the next few years to maintain law and order in Northern Ireland. This will include how best to achieve the primacy of the police; the size and role of locally recruited forces; and the progressive reduction of the Army as soon as is safely practicable. I shall be inviting the parties in the Convention to make their views known to me in writing.

So long as the Secretary of State remains responsible for security policy, responsibility for emergency legislation will remain with this Parliament.

Once the Army *in* Northern Ireland had been reduced to peacetime levels, the Government would be prepared to transfer responsibility for the police to a new Northern Ireland legislature and executive. Parliament would expect that the practices observed in Northern Ireland would continue to follow the standards and traditions which were common to the whole of the United Kingdom, and in particular that the independence and responsibilities of the Chief Constable should in no way be diminished. The police were responsible to the law and it had always been his aim to ensure *that* this position was preserved and maintained at all times.

It was clear that close liaison between the Secretary of State and a Northern Ireland executive on internal security would be necessary.

The Government saw a continuing role for an independent police authority with significant powers and were prepared to consider any suggestions that the parties in the Convention might wish to put forward to him in writing about its responsibilities and composition which we at present based on the provisions of the Northern Ireland Police Act, 1970.

He had received and would soon publish the report of the working party on police complaints and hoped shortly to put before the House legislation which would provide a new complaints procedure, with an independent *element, in* line with that proposed for England and Wales.

The Government would also be prepared to transfer responsibility for administration of the prison services and for treatment of offenders generally; not later than the transfer of responsibility for the police.

The Government had noted the views of the Convention on the financial arrangements which should be created *for* any new Northern Ireland administration. It would be the intention of the Government to give to such an administration as wide a discretion as would be consistent with maintaining the unity of the United Kingdom economy and with the Government's retaining the powers necessary to manage the economy as a whole.

These powers must include (he said) the power to determine the total amount of public expenditure in the United Kingdom, the proportion of different categories of expenditure within that total and, after appropriate consultation, the share of that public expenditure to be allocated to meeting the needs of Northern Ireland.

The Government were conscious of the special *industrial and social* problems of Northern Ireland. *Those* who argued in favour of independence ignored the economic weakness of Northern Ireland and its lack of natural resources. The forecast of *public expenditure* there for 1975-76 was about £1,300m.

Northern Ireland could not sus*tain anything* like its present living *standards* (he went on) if it were not part of the United Kingdom. Decisions about Northern Ireland's total allocations cannot however be taken in isolation. Those decisions must be taken by the United Kingdom Cabinet in the light of the needs of all parts of the United Kingdom.

The financial power that the Government would be willing to see exercised by a Northern Ireland administration was a matter that the Government would determine in due course. They envisaged, however, that many important *financial decisions would fall* within the Northern Ireland administration's discretion including, in particular, the determination of priorities among the various transferred services.

Any system of *government* proposed by the Convention would have to be capable of resolving such problems which would span the complete range of functions of the Northern Ireland administration. There must, moreover, be arrangements *for* cooperation on economic and financial matters with the Government at Westminster.

The Government acknowledged the consensus *in* the report that there should be further legislation on *human rights*, and the Convention would have the opportunity to reach that wider area of agreement which was essential if there was to be an effective transfer of power, the *ending of direct* rule, and a basis for *stable* government.

The Government hope (he said) that the Convention will not feel constrained by the limits of earlier—and not completed—discussions, and that it will be able to build on the principles on which *there is already* a wide measure of agreement.

The prime requirement is for more widespread acceptance of any proposed system of government, providing for some form of partnership and participation. No political system in Northern Ireland will work, let alone survive, without it. The *Government* wish this matter of a system of government commanding the most widespread acceptance throughout the community there to be given further consideration.

The Government shared the view in the report that the aim should be to achieve broad agreement on a permanent arrangement for a system of government. This would take time, but the greater the measure of support, the more likely it was that the House would approve the necessary legislation.

Other wide considerations were relevant to the timescale of future political development. There was force in the view that hasty action in the past might have exacerbated some of the problems of Northern Ireland. Political development could not be divorced from the security situation and a political agreement would make a major contribution towards dealing with the security problems in Northern Ireland.

The Government (he said) would, therefore, wish the Convention to consider the matter of whether progress could best be made on the basis of setting up a system of government which, though not temporary, is capable of evolving over a period of time into permanent and agreed constitutional arrangements.

I proposed that the Convention should be reconvened from February 3 *to consider in the light of* the Government's conclusions the *matters* I have described. There are three such matters: committees as part of a wider and acceptable constitutional framework which provides adequately for partnership and participation; more widespread acceptance; and whether progress could best be made on an evolutionary basis. I shall publish shortly as a White Paper a letter to the Chairman containing those matters.

The prime requirements are for a more widespread acceptance throughout the community of some proposed system of government and for some form of acceptable partnership and participation. If these requirements can be met, then we could be in sight of a government within Northern Ireland which is common ground for us all. I hope that the Convention can make progress on these matters within a period of four weeks.

The Convention would soon come to an end. He *had* no power *to prolong its existence* or to preserve the position of its members except for the constitutional purposes laid down in the Act of 1974.

They had to find a way in which both communities were involved in government in Northern Ireland. He would like to see in the course of time normal party politics in Northern Ireland in which people would vote on their views and interests; voting by religion would go. There was a way through.

There was a divided community—*a division of people's minds*—and that had to be overcome.

As for direct rule (he said), we govern Northern Ireland. That is the way it will be. I do not seek direct rule as a method for governing Northern Ireland. What is required is a form of government akin to that that has been developed over the years and that we are talking about in another context.

The overriding need now is for a wider measure of agreement in the Convention. It is the very fact that the society of Northern Ireland is divided and that the political parties within Northern Ireland reflect these divisions that violence on both sides can operate under a political guise. The gangsters are able to masquerade as politicians with guns, in spite of the fact that they are criminals.

When the Provisional IRA declared their ceasefire, they gave themselves an opportunity to pursue their aims through political means. The Government hoped that politics would flower in place of the gun. There was every opportunity to take part in the normal democratic process. This opportunity had not been taken.

It was never clear whether each *fresh act of violent criminal horror* was a sectarian outrage, deliberately and coldly committed, or a vicious reaction to a previous horrific event. They must recognize that there were those in the community who, by their words, widened the divisions in the community which fostered violence.

The political life of Northern Ireland had in this way added significantly to the malaise. We have, therefore (he went on) every right to look to the Convention to provide that measure of agreement which will deprive those who pursue their violent ends of the basic political disagreements on which they thrive.

We are beginning this week to discuss constitutions for Wales and Scotland which meet the needs of those parts of the United Kingdom. What we seek is a constitution to suit the divided community of Northern Ireland. It is this divided community which makes Northern Ireland so basically different from other parts of the United Kingdom.

We must find a way of overcoming the divisions of Northern Ireland. The Convention has a fur*ther, if short, role to play.*

Warning of massacre if Army withdraws

MR NEAVE, Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland (Abingdon, C), said it seemed certain that in 1976 the Northern Ireland problem would prove a harsh test of physical and political courage for the United Kingdom. They had to agree on a stable system of government, widely accepted throughout the community in Northern Ireland and at the same time to prevent murders developing into civil war in the province.

It was a great danger in this country that many people, faced with what they imaged to be the reality of the Northern Ireland problem, were being encouraged to run away from it. The argument was being heard in certain places that they should "bail out". In *this weary and supine attitude* lay the seeds of an even more terrible disaster. (Conservative cheers.)

The withdrawal of the Army would lead to the massacre of innocent people. It had been estimated that 250,000 people would lose their lives if this happened. The assassins would be seen to be the victors all over the world. It was the Provisional IRA and other para-military groups who wanted the Army out, not the ordinary people of Northern Ireland or the Government in Dublin.

Ulster was not Aden or Vietnam but a part of the United Kingdom for which the Government accepted responsibility and where they had the obligation to uphold the law, as they had acknowledged today.

We are not (he said) holding the ring in a peace-keeping role. Our duty is to restore order in a part of the United Kingdom.

Since responsibility rested at Westminster, they must stand firm and resist the voices of defeat. Any talk of withdrawal, gradual or otherwise, would be damaging to the morale of the ordinary people of Northern Ireland, let alone the security forces.

The Government were right to recall a Convention and to give further consideration to a system of government which could command widespread support throughout the community. The threat of civil war justified this.

While the armed forces were involved in the internal security in Northern Ireland, it was the Secretary of State who remained responsible. If the Army could be reduced to a peacetime level, that would be the time to transfer responsibility to a new Northern Ireland executive.

Unless the security situation improved considerably, the political future for Northern Ireland would be destroyed. In South Armagh, the Army must be seen to be on the offensive and must be seen by everyone in the areas where the murderers ruled. They had a duty to give leadership in Northern Ireland and Mr Wilson had issued a stern warning to those people who threatened to take law into their own hands.

There is no doubt (he said) that a direct link is needed between the British Army and that of the *Republic. I realize there are* problems, but it is time for military staff talks to begin between the United Kingdom and the Republic, leading to a general plan of action because border control should not be limited to the police. If the Irish army were brought in, this would make it more effective as the border area on both sides must be made too hot for terrorists.

The objective was to restore faith in their joint determination to win the battle against terrorism, and the task of the Army was to see that the Queen's writ ran again in South Armagh.

MR MOLYNEAUX (South Antrim, UUUC) said that the principle which his colleagues in the Convention sought was to have a democratically elected Parliament with a system of government broadly in line with the provisions to be made for constitutional devolution in the United Kingdom. They were not going to break up the United Kingdom.

£40m advance to Burmah for Ninian field assets

MR HUCKFIELD (Nuneaton, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Energy for a further statement on the Burmah Oil Company.

MR BENN (Bristol, South-East, Lab)—The Government have offered to purchase the whole or a substantial part of Burmah's North Sea oil assets at an arm's length price for transfer to BNOC. Negotiations for the purchase of the Ninian assets are well under way and an advance of £40m has been made to Burmah on this account. I will keep the House in touch with developments.

MR HUCKFIELD—While supporting the general policy line which the minister is taking, is he convinced that in going for the acquisition of one field rather than two BNOC will be getting the best bargain ? Is he convinced that £40m will be enough to *support* these operations in future ?

MR BENN—I have not gone beyond what I said in the House on December 3—that the Government have offered to buy a whole or a substantial part of these assets. He should not read into my answer any shift from that position.

As to the £40m advance, this has been done by giving a specific directive to BNOC under the Act and it is not intended to be on any basis other than as an advance against purchase that may emerge from the negotiations.

MR PATRICK JENKIN, Opposition spokesman on energy (Redbridge, Wanstead and Woodford, C)—Is it not bizarre that on the very morning when Transport House is warning the Government that even to stick to the public expenditure proposals is going to mean a 10 per cent increase in the rate of tax on every tax across the board the Government should be squandering this money on buying out the private sector ?

Why do the Government persist in their futile doctrinaire approach to one of Britain's most important industries ?

MR BENN—The object of the Government's policy is to safeguard the development of the Ninian and Thistle fields. If he knows as little about Transport House as he does about the oil industry, we have little to fear from his criticism.

MR JOHN OVENDEN (Gravesend, Lab) later asked if the Secretary of State had yet decided whether to acquire the British Petroleum shares which were purchased by the Bank of England from the Burmah Oil Company.

MR BENN—No decisions have been taken on the disposal of the shares.

MR JEREMY BRAY (Motherwell and Wishaw, Lab)—Does Mr Benn accept the argument that American pressures on BP are behind the pressure on the Government not to acquire the Bank of England shares ? Will he make plain his own views on this.

MR BENN—I do not want to comment on what Mr Bray has said except to say on the relationships between oil companies and governments there are always a lot of pressures. I think I should rest upon the decision which the Government will take, taking into account all these factors.

Boat sales sink

MR KAUFMAN, Minister of State for Industry, said in a written reply: I understand from the Ship and Boat Builders National Federation that the drop in home sales since the introduction of 25 per cent VAT has been in excess of 50 per cent. This *cannot, of course*, be ascribed solely to the introduction of 25 per cent VAT.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons

Today at 2.30: Debate on devolution.

House of Lords

Today at 2.30: Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Bill, committee stage. Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill, second reading. Northern Ireland Orders on education, insurance companies, and unsolicited goods and services. Debatable question on disability pensions for ex-prisoners of war.

Call for action on Europe data processing

European Parliament
Luxembourg

Proposals by the European Commission for the development of a European-based data process*ing industry* were supported by Parliament.

M COUSTE (France, DEP), presenting a report from the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, which approved the proposals, said that the aim was to provide a European industry which was both *viable* and *competitive* with the rest of the world.

A motion from the committee, later carried, regretted that in the matter of contracts, little progress had so far been made in opening up the public sector, which was essential if the objective of a viable and competitive European based data processing industry was to be achieved. It called on the Commission to speed up its work in this sphere.

It reiterated the committee's view that because of the weakness of the European data processing industry cooperation agreements should be concluded with non-dominant companies outside Europe.

The new developments offered an opportunity for increased diversification within the industry providing many more independent producers, specialized in one sector of the market, with an active role.

The committee supported the Commission in its efforts to formulate a standards policy which enabled users to combine one type of equipment or software with other equipment, without *incurring* mojor costs, and in its action *designed* to create *a new* European-based *national standard* language.

The committee called for urgent Community action to ensure data security and confidentiality. It also supported the Commission's proposals for the development of a computer-based information storage and retrieval system and an experimental *development* in high speed data processing.

Economic activity in leading countries beginning to recover

MR HEALEY, Chancellor of the Exchequer (Leeds, East, Lab), in a statement on the meetings of the IMF Interim Committee on January 7 and 8, in Jamaica, said the committee faced two tasks and successfully achieved both. The first *was to round off the long and* often contentious debate of the last few years about gold, exchange rate arrangements and other matters requiring amendment of IMF articles.

The second task faced by the Committee was to make an appropriate contribution from the IMF towards encouraging and sustaining world economic recovery during the coming year. In the Committee's general discussions of the world economic situation, satisfaction was expressed over the growing evidence that activity in leading countries was beginning to recover.

The issue of reform of the international monetary system (he said) has occupied the world's finance ministers and their officials, during my own time as Chancellor of the Exchequer and before that, in many laborious and often frustrating meetings. We have not achieved the kind of comprehen*sive reform which was at one stage* envisaged. The outcome is more modest; but it is also more realistic.

I am sure the whole House will share my satisfaction that it has been achieved at last, and my particular satisfaction that the set *of decisions reached last week in*cludes practical steps which are important and relevant to the task of sustaining world economic recovery.

SIR GEOFFREY HOWE (East Surrey, C)—We shall want to study carefully his claim that the long debate on the role of gold has come to an end. I hope he will not be too misled by the euphoric tone of some of his new year messages when he speaks of assisting the world economic recovery.

Could he cast more light on his own somewhat mysterious and ambiguously reported role in these proceedings ? On the one hand he appears to have been leading the lobby of nations for much greater access to funds for countries with balance of payments difficulties, but on the other he appears to have been accusing the developing countries of blackmail ? Was he on the side of the blackmailer or the blackmailed ?

MR HEALEY—I do not blame him for the chagrin he feels when good news is announced from this side or that he seems to derive his opinions equally from *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Sunday Telegraph* and *The Times* and sometimes *finds himself confused* by the differences in reporting in various papers. The statement in *The Times* today that I accused third world countries of blackmail is totally untrue.

On my role in the proceedings, it was recognized in many newspapers in many countries that I did put forward compromises which in the end proved to be *acceptable to* the generality of countries present.

He believed the West German Finance Minister was mistaken in believing that the developing countries this year would be able to finance their deficits without the help which the IMF had unanimously agreed to give them.

MR DUFFY (Sheffield, Attercliffe, Lab)—The Chancellor has claimed that his fellow council ministers had given Britain a good housekeeping seal of approval. Will he specify which matters or policies brought about this approval ?

MR HEALEY—The impressive success of the £6 pay limit is already announced facilities to envied by many of those who wish they could do the *same*. This has been recognized with approval. Moreover, there is a good deal of admiration that so far we have managed to ride through a world recession with lower unemployment *than most of our competitors.*

MR PARDOE (North Cornwall, L)—Can we know more about the contribution which this agreement has made to world recovery ? The greatest danger for Britain in a world upturn is that we shall reach *35 per cent inflation at least.*

MR HEALEY—There is plenty of spare capacity in British industry and the Government are cooperating with the CBI and TUC to remove the sort of bottlenecks which frustrated recovery in the last boom in 1973.

Replying to a further question, he said: The Government have stimulate early investment and we shall be announcing a further increase in the sum later this week.

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SPORT

Rugby Union

Squires becomes part of Barbarians' strong back division

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

Peter Squires and not David Duckham or John J. Williams will play on the left wing for the formidable Barbarians' XV named to meet the Australians in the last match of their tour, in Cardiff, on Saturday week. In a side that comprises nine Welshmen and two apiece from England, Scotland and Ireland, Mike Knill, the Cardiff prop, gets the one position that by tradition goes to an uncapped player.

The Barbarians' selectors cannot have forgotten Duckham's superb running out of defence in that classic encounter against the All Blacks in 1973. They may, however—after seeing him play for England against Australia—have some slight reservations about his complete fitness. The choice of Squires is tribute to a fine all-round player of outstanding consistency and performance. He has won all of his 15 England caps on the right wing, but is unlikely to feel unhappy about playing on the other flank, where I remember him scoring a fistful of tries, on one occasion, for Mickey Steele-Bodger's XV against Cambridge University.

Squires will now form part of an exceptionally powerful back division, with John P. R. Williams bringing up the rear, Mike Gibson and Ray Gravell in the centre, and Gerald Davies, the ultimate cutting edge, on the right wing. In front of them they will have Phil Bennett and Gareth Edwards at half back.

Everything seems to have happened to Bennett of late, as he himself ruefully concedes. He was down-graded by the Welsh selectors to become their third choice for the England game this Saturday, but was then restored to top billing because of injuries to John Bevan and David Richards. However, there was never much doubt which stand-off the Barbarians saw as their No 1 for this special occasion. Bennett, of course, was the man whose brilliant side stepping out of his 25 sparked off that never to be forgotten try, run in by Gareth Edwards, for the Barbarians against the All Blacks three years ago.

Wheeler, who once scored three tries for the Barbarians in one game, against East Midlands, will be the hooker—at a time when he looks like confirming himself as a regular member of the England XV. I daresay the accuracy of his throwing in from touch has been an asset to commend itself. By having him on hand to do this job, the Barbarians can release the blind side wing for attacking moves.

The presence of Sandy Carmichael and Knill on either side of Wheeler will ensure a stern examination for the Australian front row. Knill gave his opponent a miserable afternoon when Cardiff played the Wallabies in the second game of the tour.

Gordon Brown and Alan Martin should make an excellent pair in the engine room, and the loose trio of Trevor Evans, Mervyn Davies and Fergus Slattery is as likely combination as most of us could name.

Brynmor Williams, now the official Welsh No 2, has been chosen as the reserve scrum half in preference to a number of capped players from other countries.

The Barbarians are not as yet announcing their captain, who I imagine must be Mervyn Davies or Gibson, the newly appointed leader of Ireland. The captain of Wales seems the likelier choice. It has always been a Barbarians' custom to withhold the name of their captain, although a break with tradition was made when Bill McBride was revealed—as the obvious choice after the success of the British Lions in South Africa—in advance of the match with the New Zealanders on their last short tour.

Knill : maintaining a Barbarians tradition against Australia.

TEAM : J. P. R. Williams (London Welsh) ; T. G. R. Davies (Cardiff), R. W. R. Gravelle (Llanelli), C. M. H. Gibson (NIFC), P. J. Squires (Harrogate) ; P. J. Bennett (Llanelli), G. O. Edwards (Cardiff) ; M. Knill (Cardiff), P. J. Wheeler (Leicester), A. B. Carmichael (West of Scotland), G. L. Brown (West of Scotland), A. J. Martin (Aberavon), T. P. Evans (Swansea), J. F. Slattery (Blackrock College), T. M. Davies (Swansea).

REPLACEMENTS : A. R. Irvine (Heriot's FP), I. R. McGeechan (Headingley), D. B. Williams (Cardiff), B. G. Nelmes (Cardiff), D. F. Madsen (Gosforth), R. M. Wilkinson (Bedford).

McGann's injury serious for Munster and Ireland

From an Irish Rugby Correspondent

Dublin, Jan 12

A change which could be crucial for Munster today and Ireland next Saturday had to be made yesterday afternoon when McGann, the experienced Cork Constitution stand-off half, had to withdraw from his provincial team to meet the Australians at Musgrave Park, Cork. After a practice yesterday, McGann's damaged hamstring, which kept him out of the international trial last Saturday week, failed to withstand pressure when he tried to attain top speed and he must be regarded as doubtful for his country against Australia at Lansdowne Road on Saturday.

His replacement is Ward, who has not even represented his province previously and who therefore faces a severe ordeal. Ward has one asset which could help him temperamentally; he was a League of Ireland soccer player for the Dublin club, Shamrock Rovers, before changing to rugby when taking up residence in Limerick. So he is accustomed to the atmosphere of large and critical crowds of spectators. Like McGann, he tends to be a kicker rather than a ball carrier but he has a fair idea of how to get his three-quarters into swing, yet it would be illogical to suggest that the change does not weaken the province. McGann has been enjoying an Indian summer this season and his tactical knowledge and ability to hold the back division together may be sorely missed.

Munster enjoyed a reasonably satisfactory first half of the season. They were narrow losers to Ulster at Ravenhill where they produced the more constructive attacking play but were foiled by better marksmanship. Then they went on to overcome Leinster at Limerick, through a notable display by the forwards, and Connacht at Galway. There are six internationals in the side, Dennison, Lavery, and Parfrey in the three-quarter line and O'Callaghan, Keane and Deering in the pack, but only O'Callaghan and Keane will wear the Irish jersey next Saturday.

With or without McGann, the backs will be relegated to a mainly defensive role with emphasis placed on the forwards as the attacking spearhead; in other words, the traditional Munster tactics which have reduced overseas touring opposition almost to futility in the majority of the matches since 1948. On that occasion the strongest team yet sent overseas by Australia snatched a 6—5 win at Cork in the last seconds of play. The 1957-58 side were held to a draw and in January, 1967, Munster made history by beating the Australians 11—8 thereby becoming the only province so far to achieve that distinction against a major touring team.

Conscious obviously of the threat facing them, the Australians have named almost their strongest possible side, of whom 12 have had international experience. Only six, Weatherstone, who came on as a replacement at stand-off half for the injured Hindmarsh after eight minutes, Monaghan, Graham, Fay, Smith and Cornelsen figured in that splendidly open and exciting match against Ulster at Ravenhill in mid-November when the Australians won 30—25. Today we could see altogether a tougher and grimmer affair with considerably lower scoring a probability. Munster would have been well fancied to win had McGann been fit for action; without his generalship the odds must be on the Australians to gain their 16th success.

MUNSTER: L. Moloney (Garryowen); B. Smith (Cork Constitution), P. Lavery (London Irish), S. Dennison (Garryowen), P. Parfrey (UCC); A. Ward (Garryowen), D. Canniffe (Lansdowne); G. McLoughlin (Shannon), P. Whelan (Garryowen), P. O'Callaghan (Dolphin), E. Molloy (Garryowen), M. Keane (Lansdowne), S. Deering (Garryowen), B. Foley (Shannon), N. Elliott (Dolphin).

AUSTRALIANS: P. E. McLean; J. Ryan, J. Weatherstone, G. Shaw, L. Monaghan; K. Wright, R. Hauser; J. Meadows, C. Carberry, R. Graham, G. Fay, R. Smith, G. Cornelsen, M. Loane, A. Shaw.

Referee: P. E. Hughes (England).

Richards, full back of Wasps, and Bell, centre, will return from county duty to play at Gloucester on Friday (7.15). Conner has returned to university in Wales, so Fox will take over as partner to Jones, who moves from full back to stand-off half.

Golf

Miller on verge of becoming ninth millionaire

Tucson, Jan 12.—John Miller, with a 25-ft birdie putt on the 16th hole, pulled away yesterday to win the Tucson Open for the third successive year. He won the 1974 Tucson with a 16-under-par score and last year took the event with a 25-under-par score of 263.

This year, he took the lead for the first time with a birdie putt on the 57th hole, then held off challenges by the Open champion, Tom Watson, David Stockton, Howard Twitty and Tom Weiskopf to win with a 72-hole score of 274—14-under-par and three strokes clear.

Miller, who wound up with a final round of 68, won a prize of £20,600 to boost his career earnings to nearly £1m—only $12,841 short of becoming golf's ninth dollar millionaire. He plays next in the Phoenix Open this week, and he has won that tournament in both the past two years.

Twitty, a 1972 graduate of Arizona State, also had a final round of 68 to take second place by a shot over Weiskopf who finished with an even-par 72 and an aggregate score of 278. There were six players tied at 279—Watson, Stockton, Fitzsimons, Hill, McGee and Lietzke. Trevino was on 282 and Lou Graham on 289.

SCORES: 274, J. Miller, 70, 69, 67, 68; 277, H. Twitty, 71, 70, 68, 68; 278, T. Weiskopf, 67, 71, 67, 73; 279, J. McGee, 72, 69, 71, 67; P. Fitzsimmons, 72, 65, 74, 68; B. Lietzke, 72, 67, 70, 70; D. Hill, 68, 69, 71, 71; T. Watson, 70, 68, 68, 73; D. Stockton, 73, 66, 69, 71; 280, J. Heard, 69, 71, 71, 69; W. Casper, 70, 71, 69, 70; D. January, 71, 70, [illegible] 71; 281, R. Mitchell, 69, 69, 73, [illegible] M. Morley, 74, 69, 69, 69; R. Funseth, 71, 70, 66, 74. British score: 290, P. Oosterhuis, 73, 72, 71, 74.—Agencies.

Tarbuck show

The £10,000 Jimmy Tarbuck golf tournament will be played at Moor Allerton, Leeds, on Sunday, July 4—just before the Open championship at Royal Birkdale.

Boxing

Sollas hoping to contest world title in Britain

Vernon Sollas, the British featherweight champion, could be contesting the world title within nine months, it was said at a reception in London yesterday when Sollas stood in for the absent Francisco Villegas, of Puerto Rico. Villegas and his manager, Bill Daly, were delayed after Mr Daly had become associated with next month's Muhammad Ali-Jean-Pierre Coopman world title bout.

" We laid on the reception for Villegas, but I did not discover that he could not come until midnight on Sunday ", Mike Barrett, the Albert Hall promoter, said. " As Vernon had something to say it was obvious that we should bring him to the reception instead."

That " something to say " was an outline by Sollas which could lead him to the world title. The little Scot announced that after facing Villegas in London on January 20 he would be challenging Elio Cotena, of Italy, for the European title at the Albert Hall on February 17 and, if successful, he would meet Canada's Art Hafey for the vacant Commonwealth title, probably in April.

" With Villegas next week, and the other two, that will be a hat-trick of wins and titles for me ", Sollas said. " But the title I want most of all is the world championship. All I've got to do is to win the next three and I am convinced Mr Barrett will be able to get the champion, David Kotey, to Britain. It's up to me from now on."

Tennis

Miss Evert beats old rival

Lakeway, Texas, Jan 12.—Chris Evert yesterday defeated her chief rival, Evonne Cawley, of Australia, 6—3, 7—6 in the final of the $50,000 world series, the richest prize in women's sport.

More than 2,500 spectators braved a bitter cold wind to watch Miss Evert defeat Mrs Cawley in a see-saw match that lasted 83 minutes.

It was Miss Evert's second win here in two years in the tournament which matches the world's top four women tennis players.

Earlier, the Czech-born Martina Navratilova defeated Britain's Virginia Wade 7—6, 6—0 in a consolation match for third place.

Miss Evert's victory gave her a 14—9 record over the 24-year-old Mrs Cawley. The American girl said afterwards that her opponent was " jumping around the court like she could have lasted three more hours ". Mrs Cawley said : " I do better in Australia mainly because it's my home ground."

The match was decided in a nine-point tie-breaker when the second set reached 6—6. " I started out well and I took some chances ", Miss Evert said. " On a couple of shots I think I was lucky. Evonne started out strong in the second set and she was 2—0 and I started getting worried."

In the second set Mrs Cawley was 6—5 and 30-love up, but then lost her service—and the game.

Miss Evert said she had learnt to take chances when playing against the woman she once believed was invincible, and had begun to play more aggressively.

" Sometimes I'd worry myself sick and I'd really get nervous playing Evonne. I don't think I'm afraid of her any more ", Miss Evert said.

Swimming

Nash narrowly misses British qualifying time

Melbourne, Jan 12.—Paul Nash, the British junior 1,500 metres free-style swimming champion, won the Victorian title at this distance here on Friday night—and missed out on the qualifying standard for selection to the British Olympic team by just 0.21sec.

Nash, who was born in Chiswick but who had lived in Australia since he was four, is determined to swim in the Montreal Olympics for Britain this summer. " Most people think I'm an Australian, but I'm a pom ", the 16-year-old Nash said. " I was aiming to better the British Olympic standard of 16min 10.10sec, but I missed out by just a fingertip."

Nash won the British junior title during a holiday in England last year, and he is placing his Olympic hopes on the Australian championships next month when he aims to beat the qualifying time.

Athlete injured

Darmstadt, West Germany, Jan 12.—Walter Schmidt, West Germany's world record holder for the hammer throw, cracked his jaw and lost three teeth in training here today.

Table tennis

Chinese to send strong team to Welsh open

An eight-strong team of Chinese, including three members of their world championship winning group, will play in the Welsh open table tennis championships at Cardiff on February 6 to 8. This will make it the strongest tournament in Britain this season, with most of the leading European players also in contention.

Among the Chinese party are Liang Ke-Liang and La Chen-Chih, who were in the team who won the men's Swaythling Cup in the world championships in Calcutta last year. Yau Kui-Li was in the Chinese women's team who took the Corbillon Cup in the same championships.

European entries include Stellan Bengtsson, of Sweden, who won the Norwich Union international title on Saturday, Anton Stipancic, of Yugoslavia, runner-up for the world title last year, and the world champion, Istvan Jonyer, of Hungary, will play if he is fit.

The English entries have not yet been nominated, but it is certain that Jill Hammersley, winner of the Norwich Union title at Brighton last weekend, will defend her women's singles title.

Badminton

Japan to boycott All-England championships

Tokyo, Jan 12.—The Japanese badminton association has decided to boycott the forthcoming All-England championships in protest at the refusal of the London-based International Badminton Federation (IBF) to admit China, a spokesman said today.

Atsuhiro Komiy, the managing director of the Japanese Association, said a meeting of directors yesterday decided to follow the decision last March of the Asian badminton council—of which the Japanese association is a member—not to take part in the championships in March.

The Asian council ousted Taiwan and admitted China as a member in 1973, while the IBF has refused to expel Taiwan to open the way for China's membership.

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Boston Bruins 7, Washington Capitals 4; Atlanta Flames 5, Vancouver Canucks 2; Buffalo Sabres 6, Pittsburgh Penguins 0; Montreal Canadiens 2, Toronto Maple Leafs 0; New York Rangers 6, Chicago Black Hawks 2.

WORLD ASSOCIATION: Cleveland Crusaders 4, Indianapolis Racers 3, Minnesota Fighting Saints 7, Cincinnati Stingers 4; New England Whalers 8, San Diego Mariners 4; Winnipeg Jets 6, Ottawa Civics 5; Houston Aeros 5, Edmonton Oilers 3.

Yachting

Englishman stays afloat as fleet capsize

Perth, Jan 12.—A 25-knot wind played havoc with the fleet in the first race of the world Hornet championships here today and only three boats completed the course without capsizing. Duncan Nicholson, of England, kept Wimpy Mariner afloat and was placed third behind the Australian winner, Peter Chappell, who sailed Nereus.

Eight of 15 starters finished the race, with Chappell 3½ minutes ahead of the next five yachts, which crossed the line within one minute of each other. The second race will be sailed tomorrow.

FINISHERS (Australian unless stated): 1, P. Chappell, Nereus; 2, P. Jarron, Kirch; 3, D. Nicholson (England), Wimpy Mariner; 4, I. Anderson, Alouette; 5, G. Hill, Canned Heat; 6, K. Herve (England), Revolution; 7, G. Baron-Hay, Ipi Yahwang; 8, M. Marie (England), Something Completely Different.—Reuter.

Australia's new six-metre yacht loses

Sydney, Jan 12.—Australia's new six-metre class yacht, Prince Alfred, was soundly beaten today by the Swedish yacht, Maybe X, in the second race of the international elimination series here. The Swedish yacht won by one minute 30 seconds in a hard-fought race to level the series one-all.

The series between Australia and Sweden will decide the challenger for the Six-metre Challenge Cup, currently held by St Francis Yacht club of San Francisco. The cup will be defended by the American yacht, St Francis VI, in a best-of-seven series starting on January 22.

Prince Alfred, representing the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, won the first race yesterday, but today was outpaced by the Swedish yacht.

Kriter crew still confident of beating record

Sydney, January 12. — The French entry in the round-the-world clipper race, Kriter II, will set sail in the second leg from Sydney early this week. A spokesman for the race said the ketch's new rudder had performed well in sea trials off the New South Wales coast yesterday.

He said the giant blue yacht was expected to sail either tomorrow or Wednesday, depending on how quickly a water pump part could be obtained. Kriter broke her rudder in the Tasman Sea on December 26, only a few days after the start of the second leg, and was forced to return to Sydney, where a new rudder was made.

Her skipper, Olivier de Kersauson, said today his crew was still confident of beating the 69-day record for the passage from Sydney to London.—Agence France-Presse.

France in front

Cape Town, Jan 12.—The 60.5ft French ketch, Pen Duick VI, closely followed by Ondine, skippered by Huey Long, of the United States, was leading the second leg of the Atlantic Triangle yacht race from here to Rio de Janeiro.—Agence France-Presse.

Football

Way to Wembley could be on a wing

By Norman Fox

At times over the past decade the return of wingers to Football League teams seemed less likely than a revival of skiffle or flying boats. But in a few weeks the line flirting outside rights and lefts have become the headline snatchers. James, Robertson, Woods, Thomas and, of course, Manchester United's Coppell and Hill, are taking the drama of the game away from the industrial midfield to where it belongs, the attack. That bright trend should continue tonight and tomorrow when Middlesbrough and Manchester City then Tottenham Hotspur and Newcastle United meet in the first legs of the Football League Cup semi-final round.

Tonight's tie at Middlesbrough will have Manchester City's Tueart and the rapidly improving Barnes operating on the wings, and tomorrow Neighbour, who played superbly in the defeat of Derby County on Saturday, should cause difficulties for Newcastle's defence.

Despite losing in a league game at Middlesbrough on Saturday, Manchester City must be quite confident of reversing that result there tonight because Tueart can play after a one-game suspension and Barnes is fit again after missing three matches with a fractured collar bone. Tueart is City's leading scorer with 18 goals and Barnes, the 19-year-old son of Ken Barnes, a former City player, has provided Royle with many of his 11.

Middlesbrough showed in their poor, graceless FA Cup defeat at Bury last week that they lacked the sense of immediacy so crucial in Cup ties and their heavyweights were vulnerable to the counter-attack. This would seem to support the bookmakers in their odds of 2—1 in favour of Manchester City to win the trophy. But the success of Barnes against that experienced and aptly named defender, Craggs, will be the single most important aspect of the match this evening. By the time the final is played at the end of next month, City should be strengthened by the inclusion of Bell, who has been out for two months with a torn hamstring.

For Middlesbrough's manager, Jack Charlton, the incentive to guide his team to Wembley, where he played so many times for England and Leeds United, will be inspiring—the more so now that the FA Cup is forgotten. Middlesbrough have never played at Wembley and this is the nearest they have been. Mr Charlton, who has recalled Hickton to the attack, said: " It is a wide open game so I will not make any predictions. Hickton's return strengthens our side. He is a Cup tie player. If we can score first I doubt if City will push forward so strongly seeking an equalizer like they did on Saturday." Willey stands down for Hickton and Souness replaces Boersma, who is Cup tied.

Tony Book, Manchester City's manager, and Mr Charlton have the opportunity of watching their possible final opponents tomorrow at White Hart Lane. Newcastle expect to have David Craig back in the defence after missing two games with a groin strain. Tottenham report no injuries after Saturday's success and are unlikely to change a team good enough to beat the League champions at the Baseball Ground.

Tooting face a tough away tie against Merthyr

Tooting and Mitcham, the only non-League club in the fourth round of the FA Cup—they travel to Bradford City on January 24—were given a tough trip to Merthyr Tydfil when the draw for the second round of the FA Challenge Trophy was made in London yesterday. Tooting, of the Isthmian League, must win their first round replay against Romford, having drawn 1—1 with the Southern League side on Saturday. Merthyr progressed by beating Yeovil 1—0.

In the draw, which at this stage is still regionalized, the holders, Matlock Town, are at home to Bishop Auckland, who are remembered for their numerous Amateur Cup final appearances at Wembley. Draw:

Ashington or Goole Town v Scarborough.
Bedford Town v Hastings United.
Bromsgrove Rovers v Leatherhead or Staines Town.
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Lancaster City v Corby Town.
Margate v Hillingdon Borough.
Matlock Town v Bishop Auckland.
Merthyr Tydfil v Romford or Tooting and Mitcham.
Runcorn v Gainsborough Trinity or Boston United.
Sutton United or Wimbledon v Dagenham.
Wigan v Mexborough Town or Grantham.

Riots at Italian matches injure 35 spectators

Rome, Jan 12.—Dozens of football spectators were today being treated for injuries received in riots here and in Genoa during Sunday's league matches. About 35 people were injured. The most violent incident took place in the Olympic Stadium here when 200 policemen used tear gas to stop rampaging spectators invading the pitch after Roma lost 1—0 to the league leaders, Juventus.

About 15 people had to be treated after the police used what one local newspaper here described as " the most impressive barrier of tear gas ever seen on an Italian soccer field ". About 13 other people were hurt in the crush to get away from the tear gas and five policemen were treated for injuries caused by objects thrown by irate spectators who accused the referee of being biased.

The incidents began a few minutes before the game was over. When the referee whistled the end of the match there was chaos, with people trying to invade the field. The referee and the players of the two teams were forced to stay on the field for more than 15 minutes because the dressing rooms were filled with tear gas fumes. Juventus players and the referee left the stadium two hours later under heavy police escort.

In Genoa, a goal disallowed by the refree, Giulio Ciacci, to the local team, Sampdoria, in the match against Internazionale, of Milan, started riots a few minutes before the game should have ended. A spectator jumped the barrier separating the stands from the field and rushed toward the referee. Mr Ciacci said the spectator hit him in the face. He was treated for a damaged tooth and a cut lip.

After the incident the referee whistled the end of the game, one minute ahead of time and considered the match suspended. This meant that Internazionale, who were 2—1 ahead, would be given a 2—0 victory. Sampdoria will be stopped from playing in Genoa for at least three games !

The incident was the start of a rampage by about 6,000 people who caused widespread damage in the stadium. They smashed windows and doors, broke the goals and burned cushions, paper and everything they found. Police used tear gas to disperse the crowd threatening to invade the dressing rooms. For about three hours and a half about 1,000 of the most irate fans kept siege on the stadium exits trying to prevent the referee and Internazionale players from leaving. Police later dispersed the spectators and the players and referee left the field under heavy escort.—AP.

Luton's game called off again

Luton's second division match at Bolton which was rained off on Saturday, was called off again yesterday after the clubs agreed to play again tonight. Luton wanted the match played this week because they are desperate for their share of gate receipts but more rain fell on the waterlogged Burnden Park yesterday.

Luton, who are having to pay their bills day by day while their financial crisis is sorted out, could not afford a second wasted journey to Bolton.

Scunthorpe United, third from the bottom of the fourth division and already in danger of having to apply for reelection for a second successive season, yesterday sacked manager Dickie Rooks, the former Sunderland, Middlesbrough and Bristol City centre half, who took over at Scunthorpe in December, 1974. Rooks said : " In view of recent results I have been expecting this for a while."

Today's football

LEAGUE CUP: Semi-final round. First leg: Middlesbrough v Manchester City (7.30).
FA CUP: Third round second replay: Norwich City v Rochdale (7.30).
THIRD DIVISION: Preston North End v Rotherham United (7.30).
RUGBY UNION: Tour match: Munster v Australians (at Cork, 3.0). Hospitals Cup: Charing Cross v Royal Free; St Thomas's v King's.

Cricket

Greenidge gets another chance to find form

Canberra, Jan 12.—Gordon Greenidge gets yet another chance to prove himself when the touring West Indian cricketers begin a two-day match against Southern New South Wales here tomorrow.

Greenidge has looked a sad figure on the tour, a mere shadow of the exciting cricketer who in recent seasons has set the English county cricket scene alight with his cavalier batting for Hampshire.

The West Indian captain, Clive Lloyd, will be hoping Greenidge can capture some of this form before the beginning of the fifth Test match against Australia on January 23.

Deryck Murray, the wicket-keeper, misses his first match of the tour tomorrow for a well deserved rest. Also out are the pace bowler Andy Roberts, Baichan, and the injured allrounder, Julien.

The West Indian team will be selected from : Lloyd, Fredericks, Greenidge, Kallicharran, Richards, Rowe, David Murray, Boyce, Holding, Holder, Inshan Ali, Padmore and Gibbs.

The West Indies have two other games after the Southern New South Wales fixture to sort out their test combination for Adelaide.

They are a three-day game in Hobart, starting on Friday, and a one-day match at Launcheston on Monday.

The Southern New South Wales side will be captained by the former Sheffield Shield batsman, Kerry Owen.—Agencies.

Cosier will have more tests after accident

Sydney, Jan 12.—Australia's new Test batsman, Gary Cosier, will have further X-ray examinations today after crashing head first into a tin fence while fielding for South Australia against Queensland in Brisbane yesterday. Cosier, who scored 109 in his first Test appearance against West Indies in Melbourne, tripped on a boundary rope and hit the fence while playing in a Gillette Cup semi-final match.

The hefty young batsman sprawled motionless on the ground as teammates and spectators came to his aid. He was taken to a nearby hospital for X-ray tests and was later allowed to leave, but overnight Cosier complained of continued severe head and neck pains.

South Australia's team manager, Murray Sargeant, said today: " He's sick and sore, but expects to be available for the Sheffield Shield game against Western Australia in Perth on Friday."

Winter is over

Derbyshire cricketers report back for training tomorrow—two months earlier than usual. They will have a weekly workout until full training begins at the end of March.

COLOMBO: Tour match: Pakistan 315 for 4 dec; Sri Lanka 145 and 144 for 5. Match drawn.

Walker in America

Auckland, Jan 12.—John Walker, the 24-year-old world mile record holder, will compete in three meetings on the North American indoor circuit in Los Angeles on February 6, Toronto on February 14 and San Diego on February 21. Filbert Bayi, who beat Walker in the 1,500 metres at the Commonwealth Games in 1974, is expected to run at least in San Diego.—Reuter.

Cycling

BREMEN. Six-day race (after four days): 1. Hartz and Pijnen (West Germany and Netherlands), 173 pts; 2. Schulze and Tschan (West Germany), 157; 3. Peffgen and Fritz (West Germany) 137. One lap behind: 4. Kemper and Renz (West Germany), 146; 5. Sercu and Gilmore (Belgium and Australia), 148. Two laps behind: 6. Duyndam and Karstens (Netherlands), 123; 7. Stevens and Ritter (Belgium and Denmark), 123. Three laps behind: 8. Schuetz and Herrmann (West Germany and Liechtenstein), 241.

Ice skating

World champions could be toppled in European event

From John Hennessy

Geneva, Jan 12

Rarely can the European skating championships have posed so many fascinating questions as those starting here tomorrow, especially for British followers of the sport. In one event we confidently expect the world champions to be beaten, in another the title holder stands only second favourite to her runner-up last year; and in a third neither the reigning world champion nor the European champion is expected to win. In the final event, the pairs, the British for whom this has been a barren wasteland in recent years, are represented by a worthy couple with a fairytale background.

Perhaps it would be as well to take events in chronological order. Although the men's compulsory figures start the ball rolling tomorrow morning the first final will be the pairs on Wednesday evening. This is an event dominated by the Russians and the East Germans, and one has to look no farther than Irina Rodnina and her partner (in life as well as on ice) Aleksandr Zaitsev, for the winners. Miss Rodnina has won the title so many times now that it is hers almost by divine right, as her behaviour in moments of stress, I regret to say, tends to suggest.

Taking up a more modest place in the result list will be the British pair, Colin Taylforth and his wife, Erika, who was not even a gleam in his eye this time last year. Bereft of a partner, not for the first time, he advertised in an American magazine last May and within seven months he had met the girl, married the girl, and transformed her into a British national and a British champion. As if that were not enough, she is a stunning girl to look upon and a fine skater who has neatly dovetailed into her husband's style. They should present quite a picture and I would recommend home television viewers not to miss their spectacular opening lift, in which Mrs Taylforth steps through her partner's arms and descends into an arabesque. For the first time for too many years it will be possible to watch a British pair without a hint of embarassment.

The men's final free skating is on Thursday, and it will feature three Russians who last year won each of the three titles open to them, the Soviet (Yuri Ovchinnikov), the European (Vladimir Kovalyov) and the world (Sergei Volkov). But there is also the brooding presence of Jan Hoffmann, world champion two years ago but out of action last year. The East German is said to be in superlative form again.

Britain's representation is the strongest for many a long year, with John Currie, the British champion, an obvious candidate for a medal and two young pretenders snapping at his elegant heels, Robin Cousins and Glyn Jones. Cousins beat Currie in the free skating section of the British championship in December and seems in better humour here, so he, too, may harbour the distant hope of a medal. As for Jones, the strength of our third string may be gauged from the fact that he promises to include a coup de théâtre in his programme, a triple lutz.

The dance final is on Friday night, a night when Lyudmila Pakhomova and Alexandr Gorshkov will be expected to overturn the world champions, Irina Moiseyeva and Andrei Minenkov, also of the Soviet Union. Miss Pakhomova spent some uncomfortable, and uncharacteristic, moments on her pretty bottom during training last night and seemed to regard it as an affront to the laws of nature. But only illness or accident, such as deprived her and her husband of a place in the world championships last year (hence the advance of their younger compatriots), stands between them and another world title. Britain, as usual, are well represented and we might hope to see Hilary Green and Glyn Watts, now recovered from their various vicissitudes that haunted them in 1975, retain their silver medal in the face of the strong challenge of the world champions. Another British pair, Janet Thompson and Warren Maxwell, deprived through illness of their mentor, Gladys Hogg, seem to have found a sympathetic eye and ear (like Cousins and Jones, also pupils of Miss Hogg) in Joan Slater, one of an army of excellent teachers at home.

Finally, the womens' championship brings down the curtain on Saturday, a fascinating contest, in which, again, the world champion is challenging for a European title. It may be remembered that Sally Stapleford, the British judge at last year's European event, at Copenhagen, caused some controversy by placing Dianne de Leeuw (Netherlands) in front of the then world champion, Christine Errath (East Germany). Later, at Colorado Springs, the whole judging panel came collectively to the same view as Miss Stapleford

I asked Miss Errath last night if she hoped to retain her title this week. She could, she said, only do her best, making light (as is her sporting way) of the fact that injury has recently kept her off the ice.

Latest European snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions off Piste	Weather (5 pm) —	°C
Champéry	5	45	Poor	Varied	Cloud	2
Worn patches and bad visibility						
Crans	10	25	Good	Heavy	Cloud	-1
New snow has improved skiing						
Davos	32	90	Good	Varied	Cloud	1
New Snow improves conditions						
Kitzbühel	10	90	Fair	Heavy	Cloud	4
Wet snow forming firm base						
Les Ménuires	25	65	Fair	Varied	Fine	0
Some spring snow off piste						
St Moritz	25	55	Fair	Varied	Fine	-1
Worn patches on lower slopes						
Seas Fee	16	50	Fair	Varied	Fair	-1
Good upper slopes but poor below						
Seefeld	10	40	Fair	Varied	Fine	—
Some good skiing available on upper slopes						
Zürs	85	100	Good	Varied	Cloud	0
Good snow fall but bad visibility						

In the above snow reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes, and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources :

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	State of Piste	Weather —	°C
NORWAY					
Finse	300	250	Good	—	-9
Geilo	40	60	Good	—	-6
Gol	30	40	Good	—	-8
Lillehammer	40	50	Good	—	-8
Norefjell	40	60	Good	—	-4
Oslo	25	45	Good	—	-4
Voss	135	165	Good	—	-8
Rjukan	65	85	Good	—	-6
AUSTRIA					
Alpbach	10	45	Fair	—	-3
Axamer-Lizum	—	95	Good	—	0
Berwang	20	40	Good	—	0
Brand	15	65	Good	—	-3
Gargellen	65	110	Good	—	-3
Hochsölden	20	100	Good	—	-3
Ischgl	20	50	Good	—	1
Kaprun	—	180	Good	—	-5
Lech	60	80	Good	—	0
Lienz	30	80	Good	—	4
Mayrhofen	20	80	Good	—	-1
Obergurgl	20	100	Good	—	-3
Obertauern	50	90	Good	—	0
Saalbach	15	60	Good	—	-3
Schruns	0	70	Good	—	-3
Wildschonau	—	60	Good	—	-2
FRANCE					
Alpe d'Huez	30	90	Hard	Sun	—
Chamonix	5	50	Hard	Cloud	—
Courchevel	50	100	Good	Sun	—
La Clusaz	10	90	Good	Sun	—
Les Deux Alpes	30	100	Hard	Sun	—
Pra-Loup	30	80	Hard	Sun	—
St Gervais	25	60	Hard	Cloud	—
ITALY					
Bardonecchia	30	90	Good	—	—
Canazei	15	90	Good	Fair	—
Cervinia	90	200	Good	—	—
Claviere	40	60	Good	—	—
Cortina	40	110	Good	—	—
Corvara	60	120	Good	—	—
Courmayeur	5	200	Good	—	—
Madesimo	30	130	Good	—	—
Madonna di C	15	110	Good	Fair	—
San Martino	20	80	Good	—	—
Selva	80	90	Good	—	—
Sestriere	80	60	Good	—	—

Skiing

Third World Cup win for Miss Morerod

Les Diablerets, Switzerland, Jan 12. — Switzerland's Lise-Marie Morerod scored her third World Cup win of the season in a slalom race here today, delighting a home town crowd lining the slopes above this resort in the Vaudois Alps. Nineteen-year-old Miss Morerod took the lead as she danced and darted in 40.14 seconds down the first of two runs over tracks with a vertical drop of 160 metres (about 525 feet) staked out with 45 gates each.

She was outpaced in the following leg by the World Cup leader, Rosi Mittermaier, 25, of West Germany, and the 19-year-old French World giant slalom champion, Fabienne Serrat. But the Swiss girl's second time of 41.10 seconds was still good enough to give her a winning margin of more than seven-tenths of a second with an aggregate of one minute 21.24 seconds.

Miss Mittermaier, who lost time on the first run, hoisted herself from seventh to second place with an unsurpassed 40.84 seconds on the subsequent descent, giving her a total of 1 :21.97. France's Patricia Emonet, 19, came third in 1 :22.04. Miss Serrat finished fourth in 1 :22.15.

By her performance under difficult conditions on thin, hard snow, Miss Morerod redeemed herself for not winning a World Cup giant slalom last Friday. Miss Morerod skied carefully today without forcing the pace too much, but she had a nasty moment on the second run when her arm caught a gate stake, and only an acrobatic recovery saved her. Although she gained 25 valuable World Cup points, boosting her total to 75, Miss Morerod still trails far behind Miss Mittermaier, who swelled her tally to 135 with 20 points gained from today's second place.

Switzerland's other challenger for world cup honours, Bernadette Zurbriggen, 19, whose strongest discipline is the downhill, finished eighth only 1.62 secs slower than the winner. She retained second position in the overall standings with a score of 103 points.

Liechtenstein's 21-year-old World Slalom champion, Hanni Wenzel, finished eighth after being allowed a second attempt on her first descent because a fallen gate post hindered her initial run.

Austria's Monika Kaserer, winner of a world cup giant slalom at Meiringen last Friday, did not compete today because of concussion suffered in a fall

WOMEN'S SLALOM: 1, L.-M. Morerod (Switzerland), 1min 21.24sec; 2, R. Mittermaier (W Germany), 1:21.97; 3, P. Emonet (France), 1:22.04; 4, F. Serrat (France), 1:22.15; 5, L. Cochran (US), 1:22.[illegible]; 6, H. Wenzel (Liechtenstein), 1:22.[illegible]; 7, C. Giordani (Italy), 1:22.79; 8, B. Zurbriggen (Switzerland), 1:22.86; 9, D. Debernard (France), 1:23.15; 10, M.-T. Nadig (Switzerland), 1:23.16.

WORLD CUP POSITIONS (10 races): 1, R. Mittermaier, 135; 2, B. Zurbriggen, 108; 3, B. Totschnig (Austria), 104; 4, L.-M. Morerod, 75; 5, C. Nelson (US), 69; 6, I. Epple (W Germany), 64; 7, F. Serrat, 63; 8, H. Wenzel, [illegible] N. Spiess (Austria), 54; 9, [illegible] 50; M. Kaserer (Austria), 50; 11, E. [illegible] Mittermaier (W Germany), 34.—Reuter.

Thoeni takes big lead before mist comes down

Adelboden, Switzerland, Jan 12.—Gustavo Thoeni, the World Cup champion, sprang back into top form today, but his anticipated second giant slalom victory of the season has been temporarily thwarted by mist.

The 24-year-old Italian, four times winner of the World Cup but lagging behind the overall leaders this season, led the field on the first leg by more than one second, a considerable margin.

Midway through the first leg, however, mist swirled down the Engstligen Valley in central Switzerland and by the time the second run was due two hours later, visibility had deteriorated so much that the next leg had to be postponed until tomorrow morning.

MEN'S GIANT SLALOM (first leg): 1, G. Thoeni (Italy), 1 min 25.[illegible]; 2, H. Hemmi (Switzerland), 1:26.[illegible]; 3, I. Stenmark (Sweden), 1:26.[illegible]; 4, H. Hinterseer (Austria), 1:27.0[illegible]; 5, E. Pargaetzi (Switzerland), 1:27.[illegible]; 6, P. Mahre (US), 1:27.35; 7, [illegible] Hauser (Austria), 1:27.46; 8, [illegible] Senoner (Italy), 1:27.64; 9, G. [illegible] (US); 10, E. Good (Switzerland) and S. Mahre (US), 1:27.87.—Reuter.

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SPORT

Racing

Textron leaves flat race form and opponents a long way behind

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

It has been said that National Hunt racing in this country is fast in danger of becoming a dustbin for the flat. Yesterday's card at Windsor was certainly cluttered up with a lot of cast-offs from flat racing and we had to endure five divisions of the Combermere Novices Hurdle for four-year-olds.

The most impressive winner in his sphere was Textron who won the last race of all. Only a moderate maiden on the flat he has taken well to jumping and he followed up his promising second to Tarot at Kempton by winning yesterday's easily. And, in so doing, he foiled a gamble on the runner-up, Bargain Day, who was backed down to 5-1 from 20-1. Trained by one of the most able people in the game, Miss Auriol Sinclair, Textron seems certain to win again.

Leading Lady won the first division easily enough in spite of being a trifle hesitant at some of her hurdles. Obviously she has not recovered her nerve completely after falling in her first race under National Hunt rules at Newbury. But her comfortable victory yesterday should have boosted her confidence. Leading Lady started favourite on account of the encouraging way that she had run at Newbury until she fell.

Collaborator, the winner of the third part of the race, started at 33-1 and he was the first winner in England for his Irish rider, Paddy Collins, who rode two in Ireland when he was attached to Ted Curtin's stable before he left to join Arthur Pitt's stable near Epsom. Collaborator disappointed Pitt time and time again when he was flat racing and he ended the season running in a selling race. But he has been gelded since the autumn and perhaps that has done the trick.

Canasta Lad won the Castle Handicap Steeplechase carrying 11st 9lb but was lucky to do so in my opinion. Toy Flag was catching him and seemingly going the better when he made his only error in this his first steeplechase, and paid for that mistake two fences from the finish. Jeffrey King, who rode Canasta Lad, said that he thought his horse might still have won even if Toy Flag had stood up, because he still had a little bit left at the time. But Bob Davies, who rode Toy Flag, was adament that he would have won, and I agreed with him.

Unfortunately Davies landed heavily on his head and twisted his neck falling from Toy Flag and had to give up his three remaining rides. He expects to be fit in a day or so though. The Smiths Lawn Handicap Steeplechase provided Flap with his second victory on the course this season. His two owners, Mrs Ken Bailey and Sir Nigel Mordaunt, had every reason to congratulate their horse's rider, Bill Smith,

Brantridge Farmer, my selection for the Petworth Handicap Steeplechase at Fontwell Park today, ran well at the last meeting, even though he finished only third.

STATE OF GOING (official): Fontwell Park: good to soft. Leicester: steeplechase, good; hurdles, soft (heavy patch, back straight dip). Kelso (tomorrow), good. Towcester (tomorrow): good.

Ladbrokes reduce Aintree fees by half

Ladbrokes injected new life into the Grand National with the first meeting of the Ladbroke Grand National Limited management team at the course yesterday.

They announced that admission to the course at the three-day meeting, which opens on April 1, will be cut by half, with the entrance to the County Stand reduced from £20 to £10. Admission to Tattersalls will be cut from £12 to £6. The minimum entrance fee will be £1.

John Hughes, the new clerk of the course, announced that prize money for the three-day meeting will be £100,000 and Lord Derby will take over as senior steward of the meeting.

Cyril Stein, the chairman of Ladbrokes, headed the team. Peter O'Sullevan, Lord Oaksey, Christopher Collins, John Hughes and Peter Thompson, the group marketing director for Ladbrokes, were on the special committee.

Stein, whoes newly formed Ladbroke Grand National Limited is a sister company of the Ladbroke Lingfield Park subsidiary, put £200,000 into the Grand National this year to keep it going. Bill Davies's Walton Group remain owners of the course and Ladbrokes will act for them in a management capacity.

It was after lengthy negotiations, completed last month, that Davies agreed to receive £200,000 this year and a further £200,000 in 1977. After two years, Ladbrokes will have the option of ending the agreement with Davies or renewing for a further five years.

Steve Westhead, the head groundsman at Aintree for the past 30 years, explained that he was having a struggle to get the famous fences of the Grand National ready in time.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engagements: Go Easy, Tuckers Boy, Welsh Retreat, Pink Paddy (all dead).

The Sundance Kid should draw clear

By Jim Snow

It is not easy to take a philosophical view when a mishap at exercise to possibly the best horse in a stable is serious enough to prevent him from running again until the following season. This below-the-belt punch came to Peter Easterby a day or two after his nine-year-old, Easby Abbey, placed to Comedy of Errors in the Champion Hurdle three years ago, had in the space of a week in December won the Benson and Hedges Handicap Steeplechase at Ascot and the Massey Ferguson Gold Cup, both worth £5,000.

Before the start of this season Easby Abbey had won 19 races. He would have been an odds-on favourite to win Cheltenham's Two Mile Champion Steeplechase, but now it will be walking and trotting for him up to the start of the new season. Peter Easterby, with an admirable acceptance of the facts, and an economy of words, said: "It is, I suppose, just one of those things." However, he told me yesterday that Night Nurse was in great heart and very well.

He proposes to give him one more race, probably at Doncaster, before he sends him down from Malton to take on Comedy of Errors and Lanzarote in the Champion Hurdle.

Both divisions of today's Croxton Park Novices' Hurdle at Leicester may be won by David Morley and Bob Davies with Murray Flash and Mezzofanti. This trainer and jockey association has been having a great run in the past two months

The Sundance Kid, Gay Kildare, Amarind, and Hilda's Hurricane for whom the local trainer, Stan Palmer, has engaged Tommy Stack, have all been running well enough to be given chances in the two mile Rugby Handicap Steeplechase. Amarind has been placed in five of his six races, Gay Kildare was a close fourth under 12 st 1 lb at Wincanton on Boxing Day, after winning at Ludlow, and Hilda's Hurricane has not run a poor race this season. However, it may be that The Sundance Kid, handicapped at 10 st 2 lb and with 7 lb off for the allowance, may come out best. He won his last race at Ludlow under 12 st by four and a half lengths, and he is a horse who can produce a good turn of foot from the last fence.

Leicester programme

1.0 CROXTON PARK HURDLE (Novices: Div I: 4-y-o: £340 2m)

4		Notary (Mrs E. Yarker), P. Doyle, 11-10 ...... N. O'Toole 7
6		Aloha Prince (Mrs R. Gooch), H. Westbrook, 11-0 I. Watkinson
	0	Blast's Queen (J. Frost), K. Bridgwater, 11-0 .. R. Weaver
		Derry Dale (Mrs E. Dawson), G. Dawson, 11-0 .. M. Wagner
		Little Catworth (Mrs J. Ceballos), F. Winter, 11-0 .. J. Guest 6
	002	Minowa (Mrs P. Belither), P. Cundell, 11-0 .. R. Kington 2
	40	Modesty Forbids (R. Peskin), J. Gifford, 11-0 .. R. Champion
	2	Murray Flash (J. Adeane), D. Morley, 11-0 .. B. R. Davies
	23440	Sam Browne (G. Ratcliffe), J. Hardy, 11-0 .. M. Blackshaw
	000	Starlown (A. Bray), R. Hollingshead, 11-0 .... C. Astbury
	0	St Tryst (Miss C. Ramsden), N. Crump, 11-0 .. C. Hawkins 7
	0	Sunrise Hill (M. Vestey), D. Nicholson, 11-0 .. J. Suthern
	40b0	Supafrag (P. Smith), B. Cambidge, 11-0 .... R. Evans
		Supreme Surprise (F. Reynolds), K. Bridgwater, 11-0 A. Mawson
		Surprise Event (R. Frost), W. Holden, 11-0 .. J. Scallan 5
	204	Toussaint (G. Bourne), C. Davies, 11-0 .... J. King
	02	Tudor Slipper (P. Finlinson), H. Price, 11-0 .... P. Kelleway
	02	Wooden Goose (Lord Leverhulme), F. Cundell, 11-0 L. Griffiths 5
		Wren (J. Scott), Scott, 11-0 .... F. Davies

11-4 Murray Flash, 100-30 Tudor Slipper, 4-1 Minowa, 11-2 Toussaint, 10-1 odesty Forbids, 12-1 Wooden Goose, 14-1 Notary, Little Catworth, 16-1 hers

30 BROOK HURDLE (Handicap: £340: 2m)

010-003	Arrow Head (D) (J. Hardy), Hardy, 5-11-8 .. J. Thomson 5
200104	Happy Call (CD) (W. Kendrick), O. O'Neill, 5-11-6 N. James
0-f440	Warwick Flyer (D Morris), O. O'Neill, 5-11-3 ...... —
00-0010	Ronorn (CD) (Mrs P. Cole), J. Harris, 5-10-7 D. Nicholson 5
413344	Summer Serenade (G. Tufts), R. Carter, 5-10-7 .. J. Scallan
00400	Turmoil (R. Brown), A. Pitt, 6-10-7 .... P. Collins 5
000-00	Jim Barclay (G. Laud), G. Vergette, 6-10-5 .... P. Kelly
200-100	Kaths Bounty (J. Seddon), P. Milner, 5-10-5 .... —
000000	Timothy Jon (G. Allen), O. O'Neill, 6-10-5 .... —
300000	The Specialist (R. Baggaley), P. Felgate, 5-10-5 I. Hewartson 5

5-2 Arrow Head, 3-1 Happy Call, 7-2 Summer Serenade, 9-2 Ronorn, 8-1 rmoil, 10-1 Warwick Flyer, 12-1 others.

DANIEL LAMBERT HURDLE (Handicap: £680: 2m)

1f-0013	Fighting Taffy (CD) (P. Upton), Upton, 9-12-5 M. Gifford
20-1220	Poor Boy (D) (J. H. Weller-Poley), D. Morley, 6-10-12 B. R. Davies
1030bf	Brief Chance (D) (G. McBride), P. Bailey, 6-10-6 .. J. King
331142	Creevelea (CD) (A. Dickinson), J. Harris, 5-10-2 S. Holland
003002	Davidson (D) (G. Wyse), W. Clay, 5-10-0 ...... N. Clay 5
0412-00	Proper Gent (D) (Mrs A. Wood), T. Forster, 5-10-0 G. Thorner

5-2 Davidson, 3-1 Creevelea, 7-2 Fighting Taffy, 5-1 Poor Boy, 10-1 Brief ance, Proper Gent.

0 RUGBY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £795: 2m)

2121-14	Gay Kildare (CD) (Mrs A. Wood), T. Forster, 13-10-11 G. Thorner
32p333	Amarind (D) (Mrs E. Storza), F. Walwyn, 10-10-10 K. Mooney 7
210-004	Conceeded (D) (Mrs M. Chamberlayne), C. Miller, 7-10-7 D. Cartwright
f0-1331	The Sundance Kid (D) (G. Strawbridge), Thomson Jones, 9-10-2 S. Eccles 7
224214	Hilda's Hurricane (D) (Mrs G. Booth), S. Palmer, 8-10-0 T. Stack
r0-fppp	Antoni H (J. Frost), K. Bridgwater, 7-10-0 .... A. Mawson

2-1 The Sundance Kid, 7-2 Amarind, 4-1 Conceeded, 9-2 Gay Kildare, 10-1 lda's Hurricane, 50-1 Antoni H.

COTTESMORE STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £680: 3m)

u3u010	Brasidas (Lord Cadogan), N. Crump, 6-11-5 .... R. Barry
012422	Bright Fergus (Miss D. Guilding), Miss Guilding, 7-11-5 J. Burke
2-43221	Dunkery Beacon (Miss V. Sumner), T. Forster, 7-11-5 G. Thorner
41	Guiding Star (T. Winterton), A. Dickinson, 7-11-5 M. Dickinson
0240-12	Honest Lawyer (D) (A. Cassell), G. Vergette, 12-11-5 P. Kelly 7
0000-f0	Border Javel (Mrs P. Ockleston), J. Wright, 8-10-12 R. Hyett
00p	Border Mark (Lt-Col J. Chamberlayne), C. Miller, 8-10-13 D. Cartwright
01-0	Brilliant Boy (J. Baker), R. Clay, 6-10-12 .... J. T. Bourke
03p-03p	Greek Salute (J. Tilling), G. Harwood, 7-10-12 .. C. Road
f-000	Sharman (Mrs F. Wyldbore-Smith), J. Leigh, 10-10-12 D. Nolan
00-p203	Super Charger (Mrs N. Collins), J. Harris, 7-10-12 Mr Greenall
000-p00	Walleyes (H. Knoll), J. Webber, 6-10-12 ...... A. Webber

1-3 Guiding Star, 4-1 Dunkery Beacon, 11-2 Honest Lawyer, 7-1 Bright gus, 8-1 Peace Pact, 10-1 Brasidas, 12-1 Greek Salute, 14-1 Super Charger, others.

CROXTON PARK HURDLE (Novices: Div II: 4-y-o: £340: 2m)

143	Mezzofanti (Maj R. Hoare), D. Morley, 11-10 .. B. R. Davies
0-1	Robb Rian (L. Axe), J. Hardy, 11-10 .... M. Blackshaw
	Charlotson (F. Pullen), J. Gifford, 11-0 ...... R. Champion
00022	Christmas Comet (D. Skelton), D. Nicholson, 11-0 J. Suthern
	Daring Dolly (Mrs E. Dawson), G. Dawson, 11-0 M. Wagner
00	Karella (Mrs G. Taylor), W. Clay, 11-0 .... N. Clay 5
0	Kinba (Maj J. Rubin), W. Stephenson, 11-0 .... M. Gifford
0b0f3	Kinvasion (G. Cantrill), B. Cambidge, 11-0 .... Mr G. Jones
00	Lacrimally (R. Reeves), H. Westbrook, 11-0 .. I. Watkinson
00	Laurel Do (Miss A. Thorne), M. Thorne, 11-0 .... Mr Mann 7
0	Miss Dallas (W. Brown), A. Pitt, 11-0 .... P. Collins 7
p32	Staff Sergeant (N. London), F. Winter, 11-0 James Guest 5
00	Western Gambler (A. Price), K. Bridgwater, 11-0 A. Mawson

1-3 Staff Sergeant, 7-2 Charlotson, 11-2 Christmas Comet, 6-1 Mezzofanti, Robb Rian, 16-1 Kinba, 20-1 Kinvasion, 33-1 others.

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Murray Flash. 1.30 Arrow Head. 2.0 Poor Boy. 2.30 The Sundance 3.0 GUIDING STAR is specially recommended. 3.30 Mezzofanti.

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Murray Flash. 2.0 Poor Boy. 2.30 The Sundance Kid. 3.30 zofanti.

Fontwell Park programme

1.15 WALBURTON STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £514: 2½m)

1	0-b4u01	Great (Mrs L. Browning), D. Browning, 7-11-7 .... —
3	0-31u4	Sun Trap (CD) (J. Bird), Miss A. Sinclair, 6-11-7 R. Rowell
4	40-340f	Bent Pelham (A. Wood), S. Mellor, 6-11-0 ...... S. Jobar
5	23340f	Gypsy Baron (G. Sibley), Mrs A. Oughton, 6-11-0 Mr R. Fowlston 7
6		Holford Glen (T. Pocock), R. Pocock, 7-11-0 P. Richards 7
7	4104-00	Joint Venture (C) (W. Strange), J. Old, 7-11-0 .. C. Candy
8	fp040f	Little Window (Mrs L. Ripley), G. Ripley, 7-11-0 G. Gracey 7
9	f00up	Villa Iglea (I. Kerman), J. Gifford, 6-11-0 .... M. Stanley 5

5-2 Sun Trap, 4-1 Gypsy Baron, 6-1 Great, 13-2 Bent Pelham, 9-1 Joint Venture, 12-1 Holford Glen, 14-1 Villa Iglea, 20-1 Little Window.

1.45 LIDSEY HURDLE (Handicap: £378: 2m 1f)

1	b330-0	Courtly Lad (S. Matthews), Matthews, 7-12-1 .. J. Gebbie 7
2	221f-0	Hard Ruler (M. Johnston), G. Ripley, 5-11-10 G. Gracey 7
4	3000-00	Miss Worden (CD) (C. Gillam), B. Wise, 6-11-6 G. Enright 5
5	00	Tentergold (A. Brine), R. Sturdy, 6-11-5 .... P. Girling 7
6	0	Lady Lear (S. Fox), S. Supple, 4-11-4 .... T. Bridge 5
8	000002	Chief Scout (M. Lynch), T. M. Jones, 6-11-3 .. N. Flanagan
9	100-000	Agyila (Mrs S. Roberts), M. Goswell, 5-11-3 .... R. Rowell
10	0-0	Greek Flash (F. Bowles), M. Salaman, 8-11-2 Mr J. Bowles 7
11	p0f-	Lammas (Mrs M. Maslen), B. Wise, 7-10-11 .. C. Bowen 7
12	042023	Spearside (J. Elliott), D. Jermy, 5-10-11 ...... P. Warner
13	000	Monkey Touch (J. Pullen), Pullen, 6-10-9 ...... Joe Guest
14	000-000	Go To Work (CD) (W. Wildman), Wildman, 10-10-4 .. —
15	0f0-000	Magic Charm (Mrs V. Bartholomew), T. Gates, 5-10-4 R. Forsyth 7
16	p-0	Princess Saraguay (G. Turk), Turk, 11-10-4 .. Mr B. Parson 7
17	00000	Kempton Lad (A. Neaves), Neaves, 6-10-3 .... A. Carroll 7
18	000pf0	Paction (G. Burr), Burr, 4-10-1 .... M. Sadler 7
19	0030-0	Toobroke (L. Spencer), R. Vibert, 5-10-0 .... C. Candy
20	0u00-03	Golden End (Mrs K. Bull), C. O'Neill, 5-10-0 .. H. J. Evans 5

11-4 Courtly Lad, 4-1 Agyila, 5-1 Spearside, 7-1 Tentergold, 8-1 Lady Lear, 9-1 Chief Scout and Go To Work, 12-1 Toobroke, 14-1 Golden End, 20-1 others.

2.15 ROBERT GORE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £781: 3¼m)

1	303302	Indian Cottage (C) (Miss S Jameson), S. Woodman, 12-11-11 C. Goldsworthy
2	fp0	Cabro (Maj J. Blakiston), I. Dudgeon, 9-11-11 .... B. Forsey
3	b0-4440	Real Sharp (CD) (Col I. Gore-Langton), Miss A. Sinclair 10-11-10 ...... J. McNaught
4	031130	Frozen Saint (Mrs J. Ramsay), Mrs A. Oughton, 8-11-6 N. Holman 7
6	10-0400	Curlew River (CD) (Mrs L. Bader), K. Ivory, 11-10-11 Mr C. King 5
7	p032-p0	Laydoney (R. Champion), M. Goswell, 9-10-9 .. R. Rowell
8	0	Tern Eran (J. Bacon), R. Wall, 13-10-6 .... Joe Guest
9	pp-ppp	Ginjon (Mrs L. Browning), D. Browning, 10-10-5 G. Gracey 7
10	ppp-02	Beau By (E. Johnson), B. Thompson, 11-10-3 H. J. Evans 5

5-2 Frozen Saint, 4-1 Beau By, 5-1 Indian Cottage, 11-2 Real Sharp, 8-1 Laydoney, 9-1 Curlew River, 10-1 Tern Eran, 12-1 Cabro, 50-1 Ginjon.

2.45 PULBOROUGH HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £427: 2m 1f)

1	0-1010	Decision (CD) (Mrs M. Graham), D. Marks, 6-11-8 M. O'Halloran 7
2	f01	Alaska Highway (E. Penser), F. Winter, 7-11-5 .. J. Francome
3	ufuf43	Annes Lord (Mrs R. Phillips), Mrs A. Oughton, 7-10-12 A. Turnell
5	pf	Commonwealth Games (Mrs J. Hobby), S. Mellor, 6-10-12 J. Glover
6	00	Great Surprise (M. Moffatt), K. Ivory, 7-10-12 W. Shoemark
8	20000-0	Mr Moke (F. Quick), G. Small, 6-10-12 .... P. Warner
10		Scottish Signet (Maj R. Dening), Dening, 6-10-12 .. R. Atkins
11	44-0422	Warr Bridge (R. Dawe), Dawe, 9-10-12 .... R. J. Owen 7
12	r0004	Wind River (S. Lyons), J. Gibson, 6-10-12 .... M. Gibson

7-4 Alaska Highway, 100-30 Warr Bridge, 4-1 Decision, 8-1 Annes Lord, 9-1 Mr Moke, 12-1 Commonwealth Games, 20-1 others.

3.15 PETWORTH STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £626: 2½m)

1	1p0-123	Brantridge Farmer (Mrs L. Ritchie), F. Walwyn, 8-11-7 W. Smith
3	f-u1332	Chance a Look (CD) (M. Bryant), S. Woodman, 10-10-2 G. Gracey 7
4	00110-4	Mister Hapsburg (CD) (H. Baker), B. Wise, 11-10-0 R. Rowell
5	0p3u-2p	Clover Prince (P. Elsinger), M. Haynes, 10-10-0 R. G. Hughes
7	p04-404	Windsor Grey (CD) (Mrs C. Millam), T. M. Jones, 10-10-0 T. M. Jones
8	21342p	Camp Carson (CD) (Miss S. Hunt), Mrs L. Dingwall, 9-10-0 R. Dickin 3

7-4 Brantridge Farmer, 11-4 Chance a Look, 9-2 Mister Hapsburg, 6-1 Windsor Grey, 8-1 Clover Prince, 10-1 Camp Carson.

3.45 PULBOROUGH HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £430: 2m 1f)

1	113	Station Master (CD) (E. Scouller), S. Mellor, 7-11-8 J. Glover
3	1f0000	Rosy Picture (S. Holden), E. Beeson, 6-11-3 .... C. Brown 3
4	342103	Set Hill (A. Neaves), Neaves, 6-11-3 .... A. Carroll 7
5	0	Black Abbot (D. Gandolfo), Gandolfo, 7-10-12 .... P. Barton
6		Dairimoon (W. Lovelace), J. Old, 6-10-12 ...... C. Candy
8	f001	Friendly Glow (Mrs R. Vallance), G. Vallance, 7-10-12 K. Ravers 7
9	00000-	Handy Andy (M. Johnston), G. Ripley, 6-10-12 .. G. Gracey 7
11	3	Kallash (A. Rand), D. Jermy, 7-10-12 .... R. G. Hughes
13		Seal Flower (Maj R. Dening), Dening, 6-10-12 .... R. Atkins
14	0	Vidi's Treasure (I. Carey), M. Salaman, 6-10-12 Mr J. Bowles 7

Evens Station Master, 4-1 Kallash, 5-1 Black Abbot, 13-2 Rosy Picture, 8-1 Set Hill, 20-1 others.

• Doubtful runner

Fontwell Park selections

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1.15 Bent Pelham. 1.45 Spearside. 2.15 Frozen Saint. 2.45 ALASKA HIGHWAY is specially recommended. 3.15 Brantridge Farmer. 3.45 Station Master.

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NOMAD HURDLE (Div 1: 0 2m)

ck, ch g, by Fury Royal—ost II (T. Worley), 6-10-12 J. Francome (7-2) 1

s Slave, b g, by Arctic Slave or Cottage (J. Hagnas), 1-3 .. M. Dickinson (5-4 fav) 2

Lewis, b g, by Orchardist—ncarrick (J. Lisle), 6-10-12 T. Stack (25-1) 3

O RAN: 12-1 Rambling, Brigatince, 16-1 Act the Creep (4th), Sweet Innocence, 25-1 Tartan 33-1 Border Lord, Head Keeper Stallneur (ur), Silsoe Lad, [illegible], Charlotte Pancake (pu), Solo, Moray Lodge, Tacliend. n.

E: Win, 36p; places, 12p, 11p, R. A Head, at Lambourn. 20l, or Gelsion did not run.

(1.31) GOLDEN MILLER DLE (£1,482: 2m)

mt, ch g, by Midsummer II—Aerlla (J. Henderson), Mr N. Henderson (11-4) 1

lic, ch g, by Right Hon. Heman—Mushroom III (Mrs Slade), 5-11-8 R. Champion (15-8 jt fav) 2

Lad, b g, by Straight Lad—do (Mrs E. Swainson), 7 .. D. Cartwright (33-1) 3

O RAN: 15-8 jt fav Asdic, 25-1 (4th), 5 ran.

: Win, 37p; forecast, 45p. F. at Lambourn. 2l, 6l.

WYMESWOLD STEEPLESE (£497: 2½m)

Negative, ch g, by Double—Charme (Mrs M. Powell), .. K. B. White (5-1) 1

Spiridon, br g, by Coliseum rest (P. Oldfield), 5-10-8 Mr B. Smart (11-1) 2

et Haw, b g, by Royal way—Miss Orleans (M. [illegible]), 8-12-0 P. Harton (8-11 fav) 3

RAN: 12-1 Wayward Winifred, d Alley (4th), Parthenon (ur), ady Cymshay (f), 50-1 Eagle [illegible] (pu), Pleasure Seeker (f).

: Win, 56p; places, 17p, 21p, dual forecast, £1.84. T. F. at Kinnersley. 7l, 8l.

BREEDON STEEPLEE (Handicap: £689: 3m)

l, ch g, by St Paddy—Rouge (T. Winterton), .. G. Ashbury (33-1) 1

n, br g, by Vulgan—Ka- (H. Joel), 5-11-7 A. Turnell (12-1 jt fav) 2

h, b g, by Arctic Slave—ugh (Ld Vestey), 7-10-13 R. Dickin (12-1 jt fav) 3

RAN: 7-2 Hurricane [illegible] ngermaster (4th), 12-1 Barbie's Song, 16-1 Bighorn, Greek Ancestor. 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.50; places, 39p, 18p, 14p; dual forecast, 50p. A Dickinson, at Gisburn. ¾l, 8l.

3.0 (3.5) GROBY STEEPLECHASE (£408: 2m)

My Sunshine, b g, by Halsafari—Alice Epine (W. Whitbread), 6-11-9 .... J. Glover (2-1 fav) 1

Another Venture, b g, by Master Buck—Nicotania (G. Owens), 6-11-9 .... R. R. Evans (5-2) 2

Sunny Isle, ch g, by Spartan General—Honey Isle (Dr D. Webber), 6-11-9 A. Webber (8-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Solvitation, 15-2 Linario (4th), 14-1 Moorland Mousie (f), 30-1 Burnaston, Our Jimmy, 33-1 Clairvoyance, D'Dyke (f). 10 ran.

TOTE: Win, 25p; places, 12p, 13p, 18p; dual forecast, 48p. S. Mellor, at Lambourn. 2½l, 10l.

3.30 (3.31) NOMAD HURDLE (Div II: £510: 3m)

Gay Spartan, b g, by Spartan General—Copper Lace (H. Armstrong), 5-10-7 M. Dickinson (6-1) 1

Mostly Music, br g, by Highland Melody—Nearly Always (W. Russell), 5-10-0 M. Lowry (20-1) 2

Barney Maclyvie, ch h, by Cantab—Topping News (R. Agnew), 5-10-12 J. Glover (5-4 on fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 Be Cannie, 6-1 Charlie Tip, 20-1 Sarouk (4th), 25-1 Appin, 33-1 Grey Trip (pu), Scotch Egg (pu), Bonnie Secret (pu), Dawn of Grace (pu), Kentmere (pu), Prince Bean. 13 ran.

TOTE: Win, 48p; places, 15p, 46p, 12p. A. Dickinson, at Gisburn. 8l, 15l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Double Negative, My Sunshine, £4.05. TREBLE: Acquaint, Pattered, Gay Spartan, £164.60.

Windsor

12.15 (12.18) COMBERMERE HURDLE (Div II: Part 1: 4-y-o novices: £272: 2m 30 yd)

Leading Lady, b f, by Precipice Wood—Sea Baby (Mrs C. Coker) 10-7 .... A. Carroll (15-8 fav) 1

Delarum, b g, by Creme de la Creme—Rumpled (Mrs M. Allsopp) 11-0 .... B. R. Davies (10-1) 2

Charlie H, ch c, by Major Portion—Cherry Brandy (Mrs B. Chandler 11-0 .... P. Kelleway (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Running Scared, Eagded Gold, 12-1 Hamstone, 14-1 Upham Royal, 16-1 Mood Music, Nestos (p), 20-1 Double Whiskey (4th), Polly Toodle, Skys The Limit, 33-1 Friendly Queen, McCabe, Singing Saint. 15 ran.

TOTE: Win, 39p; places, 20p 21p, 18p. P. Taylor, at Upper Lambourn. 4l, 3l. Lytham did not run.

12.45 (12.47) COMBERMERE HURDLE (Div 3: Part 1: 4-y-o novices: £272: 2m 30 yd)

Roi de Frontiere, ch g, by Grand Roi—Border Fantasy (Col C. Spincer) 11-0 C. Read (25-1) 1

Baronet, b c, by Huntercombe—Chargrin Falls (M Tabor) 11-0 M. Wagner (4-1, jt fav) 2

Sodor, br c, by Blue Tom—Somosierra (E. Blot) 11-10 R. Barry (11-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt fav Blagoslav (f), 9-2 Landing Party (4th), 15-2 Mourndyke, 9-1 Calibre, 14-1 Blues Again, 20-1 Tudor Lass, 25-1 Balipet, Field Moss, Hello Sailor, Karumist, Sonseeahray. 14 ran.

TOTE: Win, £4.13; places, £1.11, 18p, 22p. Mrs D. Oughton at Findon. Shrt hd, 6l.

1.15 (1.19) COMBERMERE HURDLE (Div 1: 4-y-o novices: £272: 2m 30 yd)

Collaborator, ch c, by Quisling—Bright and Breezy (W. Mann) 10-7 .... P. Collins (33-1) 1

Darling Bob, br g, by Darling Boy—Makbuba (L. Parnes) 11-0 R. Linley (9-1) 2

Staredo, b c, by Aureole—Edulo (J. Dryden) 11-0 B. R. Davies (7-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 95-40 Pagos Boy, 6-1 L'go, 8-1 Burbling Brook, Twenty-Two-Carat (4th), 9-1 Great Balcony, 10-1 Friendly Steve, 12-1 Betsy Girl, Wellow Cop, 14-1 Virginia Drive, 16-1 Laurus, 25-1 Gloen, Sharpie, 33-1 Chatter Girl, Arzemboy, Obligatory, Philamore, Snow Mountain, Teotihuacan. 21 ran.

TOTE: Win, £3.48; places, £1.28, 25p, 42p. A. Pitt, at Epsom. 5l, ¾l.

1.45 (1.48) BEARWOOD HURDLE (Handicap: £208: 2m 30yd)

Setra, ch h, by Setay—Dicentra (A. Neaves), 8-10-5 S. Eccles (6-1) 1

Mandy Boy, b h, by Mandamus—Milesian Lady (F. Pullen), 5-10-3 M. Stanley (6-1 jt fav) 2

Redbin, br g, by Burbin—Flush Regal (Rex Carter), 7-10-13 D. Briscoe (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 jt fav My Hero, 7-1 Levantine (4th), Prime Rate, 8-1 Harry Zephyr, 10-1 Speed Cop (f), 12-1 Paddlesworth, 20-1 Anaval, Mawnan Smith, 33-1 Ballylolo, Another Will (p). 13 ran.

TOTE: Win, 73p; places, 21p, 18p, 23p. A. Neaves, at Faversham. Nk, 8l.

2.15 (2.18) CASTLE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £599: 2m 5f)

Canasta Lad, b g, by Straight Lad—Wise Nellie (Mrs D. Hague), 10-11-9 .. J. King (7-4 fav) 1

Mini Prince, ch g, by Prince Tiki—Kerry Stone (R. Pitman), 7-9-0 A. Branford (16-1) 2

Hound Tor, b g, by Flush Royal—Deala's Own (J. Tilling), 12-10-7 C. Read (13-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-2 Toy Flag (f), 6-1 Star Beauty (p), 10-1 Relic's Son (4th), 25-1 Last Trick (p). 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 23p; places, 22p, 67p; dual forecast, £2.26. P. Bailey, at Wantage. 25l, 12l. Noble Hero did not run.

2.45 (2.47) SMITHS LAWN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £510: 3m)

Flap, b g, by Timber King—Fruitina (Mrs K. Bailey), 7-10-11 W. Smith (4-1) 1

Ballybright, bl g, by Sunny Way—Kilballyrahea (Mrs B. Waller), 9-10-1 ...... R. Linley (5-1) 2

Tashilsa VI, br m, by Vulgan—Calamity Jane II (M. Marsh), 8-10-11 M. C. Gifford (6-4 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-2 Trooper (p), Near and Far (4th), 33-1 Easy Runner (p). 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 43p; places, 29p, 43p; forecast, £2.60. K. Bailey, at Brackley. 8l, 8l.

3.15 (3.19) COMBERMERE HURDLE (Div II: Part 2: 4-y-o novices: £272: 2m 30yd)

Tornado Prince, br c, by Typhoon—Dall Elith (M. Tabor), 11-10 M. Wagner (100-30, fav) 1

Sportsky, b c, by Nijinsky—Sports Event (H. Demetriou), 11-0 J. King (7-2) 2

Sandy's Girl, ch f, by Grand Roi—Mary Stuart (W. Owens), 10-9 M. Williams (33-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 Comet Kohoutek, 8-1 Brig, 12-1 Magic Love, Primer, 14-1 French Harmony, 16-1 Sir Expedier, 20-1 Movie Idol, 33-1 Pies Me (4th), Lustful Lady, Green Dragon, Lady of Darien, Mister Tack, Woodland Promise. 16 ran.

TOTE: Win, 58p; places, 18p, 16p, 79p. N. Callaghan, at Newmarket. 1½l, 7l.

3.45 (3.47) COMBERMERE HURDLE (Div III: Part 2: 4-y-o novices: £272: 2m 30yd)

Textron, b g, by Welsh Saint—Miss Penita (Mrs K. Lindsey), 11-0 .... R. Rowell (4-6, fav) 1

Bargain Day, ch c, by Hill Clown—Blue Mark (Mrs M. Graham), 11-0 ...... A. Branford (5-1) 2

Singlet, b c, by Quartette—Long Term (B. Hager), 11-0 J. King (13-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 12-1 Mount Street (4th), Peter Jack, 16-1 Jim Colner, 20-1 Brandy Blaze, 33-1 Camina, Grand Rose, Amber Call, Bevan Express, Highland Mor, Laconian. 13 ran.

TOTE: Win, 21p; places, 11p, 17p, 24p. Miss A. Sinclair, at Lewes. 7l, 5l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Collaborator, Canasta Lad: £106.15. TREBLE: Roi de Frontiere, Setra, Flap: £247.15.

Fashion

by Prudence Glynn

Every year Burberry revives one remarkable style from the past and updates it in the most sympathetic and appealing way. This year, it is the Great War officers' trench coat, with button-in camel hair dressing gown. Presumably intended for rugged trench warfare and canvas bath rigours, this lovely snug coat could save you a fortune in hotel bills because you can now make do without a private bath, being equipped for the icy corridors and the inquiring gaze of other guests without any extra bulk in your luggage.

THE BURBERRY TRENCH-WARM

Above left: The Burberry trenchcoat in yarn dyed cotton gaberdine, with a button-in lining of camel hair and wool mixture. Style "Selkirk", in a long or shorter length at £104. Sizes 6-14. "Scottish Mist Grey". Other trenchcoats without the lining are available at £70. Pleated skirt and cashmere scarf in the Burberry check design, for £22 and £11.50.

Top right: Wrapover and belted raincoat from Burberry's spring collection. The raincoat is made in lightweight cotton poplin and is self lined throughout. Style "Dorset", sizes 6-16, colour, stone, and available in April. Reversible Burwester hat, £5.50. Burberry check design shoulder bag, £15. Church's leather brogue lace-ups, approx £25. Both outfits are from Burberrys Ltd, Haymarket, London, SW1.

Photographs by Elizabeth Novick

For 'Consumer inspired' read 'What they want is...'

"Ten years ago most people who wore cotton were wearing it because they couldn't afford anything else. They were wearing it for washing the floors, for utility clothes that had to be cheap. Today, cotton is a fashion item and utility clothes are more likely to be made in synthetics." Thus, Roy Keeling, United Kingdom Director of the International Institute for Cotton.

"We are now seeing the decline of high profitability and great growth of synthetic fibre companies—or at least of those great names which have come to dominate the industry", John Wilcox, International Wool Secretariat Area Director for North West Europe, said in his paper to textile editors, reported in *Wool Record* recently.

I can hardly quarrel with either statement. The IWS was the first British organization to employ Bernard Nevill, at present making fortunes for the Italian Canoni firm, after he left Liberty, and while I do think it might redesign poor Mr Wilcox's title, which is quite immemorable, its production of world style shows and its news service is excellent.

Cotton, of course, is at this moment the most fashionable fabric in the western hemisphere. All at once it seems people have discovered that jeans are warm enough for winter, that layers of a natural fibre are a substitute for one much more expensive covering (something mountaineers, survival experts, motor racing drivers and others have known for a while). The most fashionable winter coat is not a coat at all but a brief quilted cotton jacket.

Why this revival of interest in natural fibres? Roy Keeling says we are at last becoming more discerning and "sensual" customers. We have been geared to price above all for many years, but now that everything is expensive anyway, all sorts of qualities—handle, feel, design above all, colour raking, and wearability — come into force. Beginning with the sensual aspect, there is surely, for any woman offered the choice, no comparison between the feel of soft, crisp cotton or sheer silk crepe de chine or dense, cosy wool and a substitute. Real fabrics caress and flatter the body in a way that no synthetic ever seems able to do. Synthetics just stick where you least want them to.

Then, price. Most synthetics are oil-based, so with the incredible hikes in the cost of this raw material and the transformation of oil into a political football, prices have nearly levelled out. But what about easy care and all those postwar white-hot technological wonders synthetics promised—and gave? First, the return to natural fibres is led, as is so much of fashion by the young. They are disenchanted with a world that seemed marvellous to their parents; they are concerned about the use of irreplacable natural resources: they are concerned about the pollution effects of oil and its by-products, and perhaps most of all the new Puritan backlash sees a virtue and indeed a pleasure in washing by hand, and ironing, and the nostalgic, Tiggy-Winkle pleasures of getting up the household laundry. Wearing natural fibres goes naturally with making your own bread and self-sufficiency in general, I suppose. And once you have accepted that the upkeep is harder—though many people feel that slight creasing is no longer unfashionable—the properties of natural fibres are so appealing.

Cotton in rainwear, for example, will swell when wet and exclude the water, while a synthetic remains adamantly as you put it. If you get hot, natural fibres have a capillary action which draws away the sweat from your body and disperses it to evaporate comfortably. Similarly, in intense cold natural fibres draw off and disperse safely body dampness which could freeze on you and kill you. Modern washing powders, which are so good that this same capillary action which makes stains penetrate more disastrously can be eased out, have reduced the area of synthetic advantage. Incidentally, when will there be a cold water washing powder in this country? It must be technically possible, and think of the saving in energy and money.

The point which remains infinitely and seductively arguable in my mind about the revival of interest at the fashion end, and into the mass market end, in natural fibres is whether, if really top level design talent had been used on synthetic fabrics, so that they emerged as entities in their own right rather than approximations of nature's artefacts, the situation would now be the same.

Synthetic fibres, after all, offer such practical advantages, but I find it hard not to see in the companies that produce them, and which are mostly huge, a perfect and expensive illustration of the lack of design management in this country and a perfect and expensive illustration of the perils of size. The elephant indeed has a trunk and feet of exceptional sensitivity, I read in my zoological manuals, but the jumbo companies seem to have more in common with the dinosaur, whose predictive antennae were so imprecise that he died out.

No one, least of all myself, wants to see the big companies, which have done so much for the consumer in terms of research, efficiency, price and supply, decline, but I do find their attitude to the concept of design baffling. "We are in the mass market", they say, dazing me with figures of yardage which outstrips my fingers and toes, upon which I normally count, and dismissing my murmurs of small prototype enclaves established to service different sections of the company as unnecessary at the volume end. Many of them, indeed, employ a very high level of consultancy, or what I would describe more harshly as a spy system, to advise them of coming trends. My theory is that with their own design section, properly managed, coupled with their size, they could themselves dictate style rather than having to scramble to be first or second.

It was thus with particular interest and enjoyment that I read a book called *Design Matters*, by Bernat Klein, which has just been published by Secker and Warburg (£2.50). Unlike most books about fashion and the visual commercial arts, it is not a picture book: it is a really well written, thoughtful, and stimulating treatise which runs from an examination of the English attitude to design (familiar to many readers of this page, as it happens) to an examination of our design training system. It is frank and critical of the bodies concerned with both industry and education in the design field, and at the same time constructive.

This country has been particularly fortunate, at any rate in the majority of social areas, and particularly in the areas of design and textiles, in the welcome we have afforded to the victims of less liberal regimes. Religious and political persecution in other countries has given us (and the Swiss) the foundations of an industry dominated by the French in our Huguenot refugees, and the foundations of a marvellous manufacturing business from the Jews who came here 400 years later. In between these mass immigrations have come many and various vivid personalities, those entrepreneurs without whom fashion would die.

Such was Miki Sekers, such is Bernat Klein, whose radical thinking in the most traditional area, tweeds and mohairs, and whose taste and colour skill dyed a whole decade of British fashion a prettier hue. Do read his book, and then inquire why it is that this talented man is not being more used by an industry that needs all the help it can get.

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PROFILE OF THE PRESIDENT

With his athletic build, supple bearing, sparkling smile, General Gnassingbe Eyadema is a force of nature. His favourite pastime is still hunting and, like Edward VII of England, he is one of the world's best shots.

From his native Lama-Kara, among the rugged country of the north, President Eyadema has retained the courage, openness and endurance of a countryman. One should have met him in his home village of Pya to realize that Gnassingbe Eyadema has forgotten nothing of the lessons learned in his youth.

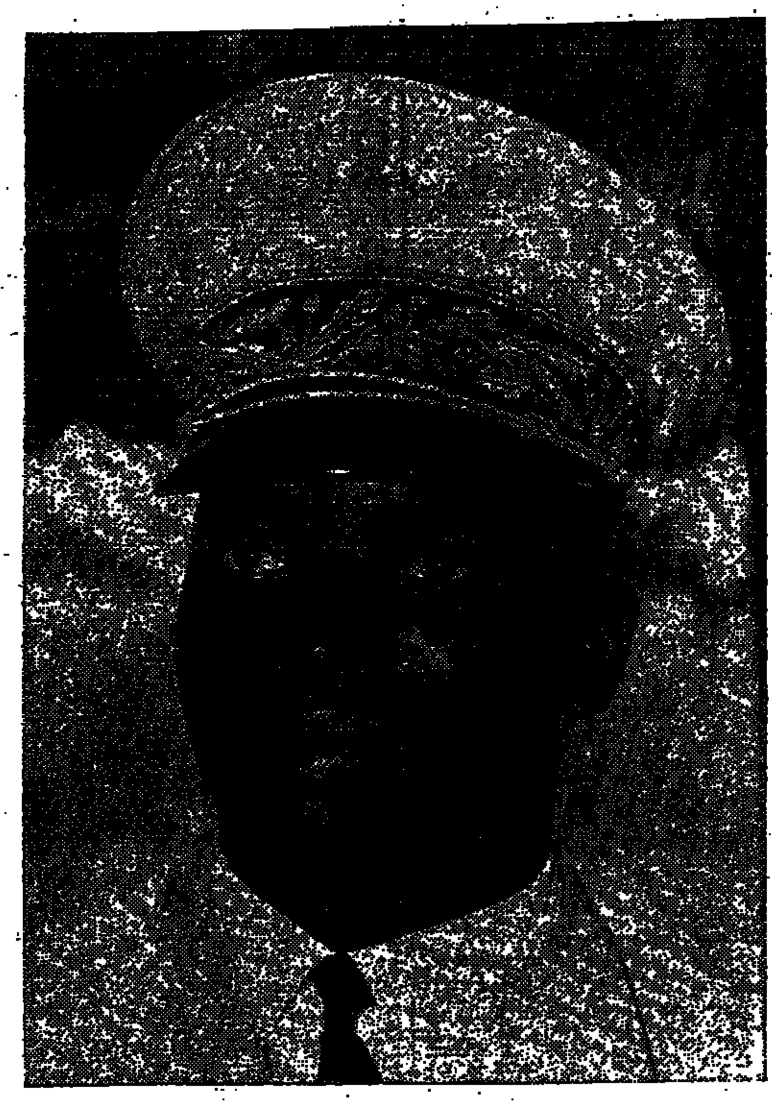
An easy and approachable man listening with equal attention to all the people, preferring camp life to the pomp and circumstance of the presidential Palace, General Eyadema has chosen to live in the military camp of Tokoin. The most striking things about him are integrity and uprightness combined with a goodness which is the sign of true greatness. Frequently he strolls incognito in the streets of Lome to " take the temperature " of his people. One day he was strolling anonymously in a suburb of Lome and watched a game of PETANQUE —the players did not recognise him until the end of the game !

General Gnassingbe Eyadema was born at Pya (in the region of Lama-Kara) of Cabraise stock. He studied at Pya and Farende and in 1953 he joined the French army. He served for 10 years successively in Indochina, Algeria, France, Dahomey and Nigeria.

His bravery and excellent reports earned him the medal of Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur. The same qualities of valiant soldier meant that he was twice put forward for the officers' school in Frejus (France). Because the authorities in his country raised political objection, his candidature was annulled. After the state coup of January 13th 1963 which heralded the rise of the Grunitzky regime, he took up service again in the Togolese army as a lieutenant. Promoted in 1964 to Chef de Battaillon, he ascended the ladder and as a Lieutenant-Colonel he supported the Grunitzky government at the time of the attempted coup d'etat of November 21st 1966.

On January 13th 1967, because Grunitszky's government had become a shambles, Eyadema stepped into the breach as the new Head of State and set about putting things to rights. He became Brigadier-General in 1970 by popular choice, and his first major task was to eliminate futile and partisan squabbles and to weld together the North and the more developed South in transcending regional divisions to create a unified Togo.

To encourage this rediscovered unity, he created a great movement which regrouped all the people of Togo into a national party, the R.P.T. (Union of the Togolese People). There was, therefore, great emotion when he broadcast on September 23rd 1971 his decision to renounce power and hand over to the civilians. Two years previously, in 1969, General Eyadema had announced his intention to withdraw the Armed Forces from the exercise of Government when he declared on the day before the liberation day celebrations, January 13th, " Bearing in mind the progress made, I have decided that civilian political activity can once again be exercised freely in Togo ". But the Togolese People noisily manifested its disapproval, judging the moment badly timed and preferring the benign yet firm rule of Eyadema.



Three days after the restatement of his desire to step down in 1971, a large crowd encircled the military camp in a monster demonstration to demand that he remained as Head of State, and from all corners of the country messages of support flowed in. President Eyadema accepted that this was truly the will of his people and whilst maintaining a camaraderie with all the Togolese, he, by popular acclaim, continued to hold the office of Head of State and is proud to do so.

He is at the same time an active soldier and goes on exercises with his army ; a natural leader, he shows by his endurance and his knowledge of the country he is truly the leader. He only draws a General's salary, is this symbolic of the man ?

As the incumbent in the presidential election of one year ago 99.87% of the Togolese people reiterated their confidence by a massive enthusiastic vote for Eyadema. Self motivated, he has avoided the airy-fairy intellectual path. With his commonsense, he knows how to judge without prejudice projects presented to him by his counsellors.

On the 7th January, 1972, when he made an official visit to France, he was decorated with the Grand Cross of the Legion d'Honneur. Back in Lome, Eyadema was given the Grand Croix de l'Ordre de Mono (the highest Togolese distinction) and was promoted to the rank of " General de Division " (Major General).

General Eyadema, who works hard for international co-operation, is also a great architect for inter-regional co-operation. It is with this aim in mind that, together with his great friend, the Nigerian ex-head of State, General Yakubu Gowon, he evolved the idea of the Communaute Economique des Etats de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (CEDEAO/ECOWAS), the treaty for which was signed on May 28th, 1975, at Lagos by 15 West African countries. General Eyadema has also developed a close relationship with his brother and friend, President Mobutu Sese Seko, of Zaire.

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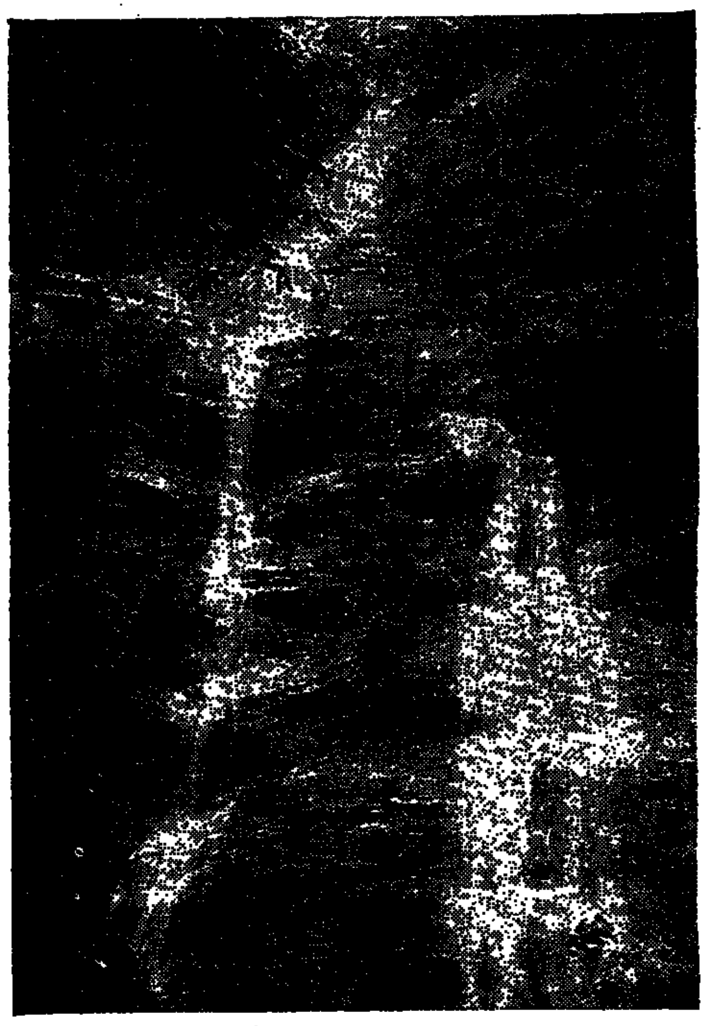
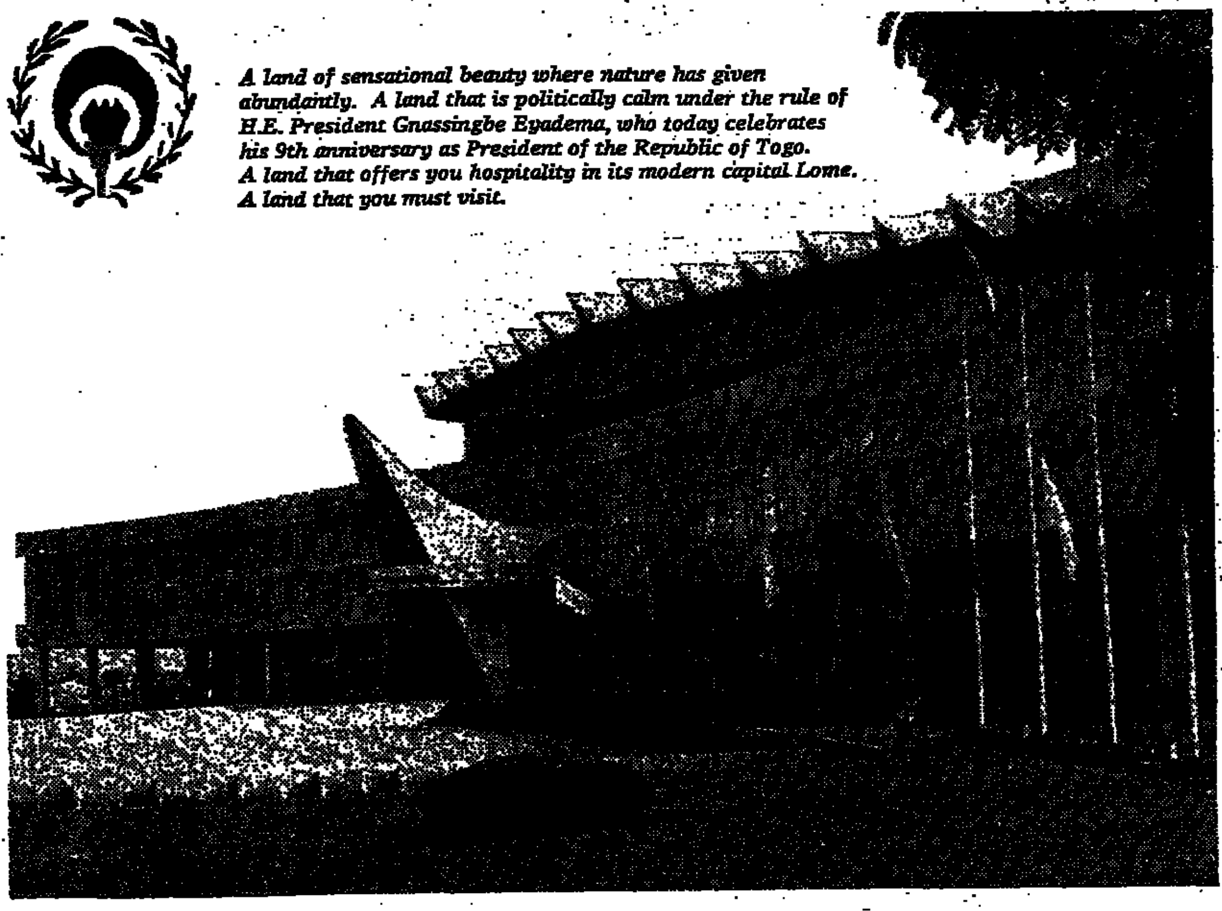




A land of sensational beauty where nature has given abundantly. A land that is politically calm under the rule of H.E. President Gnassingbe Eyadema, who today celebrates his 9th anniversary as President of the Republic of Togo. A land that offers you hospitality in its modern capital Lome. A land that you must visit.

La Maison Rassemblement du Peuple Togolais

PHOSPHATES—*God's Gift to Togo*

One of the greatest riches of Togo are its phosphates. The deposits which yield a commercial grade of exceptional quality—78% to 80% TRI CALCIUM PHOSPHATE (TCP-BPL), are situated a convenient 10 to 30 kilometres from the coast. In this region of Benin, the proven deposits are over 130 million tons, these reserves were confirmed in a geological study made in 1954.

PRODUCTION

1970	1.5 million tons
1971	1.7 million tons
1972	1.9 million tons
1973	2.3 million tons
1974	2.5 million tons
1975	1.1 million tons

The phosphates of Togo are now owned 100% by the Togolese, the Compagnie Togolaise des Mines du Benin was nationalised in 1974 and plans are afoot to increase annual production to 3 million tons and to treat one million tons on site at Kpeme for the production of sophisticated products like Phosphoric Acid and its derivatives.

Giant excavating machines with a capacity of 700 to 800 tons an hour bite out vast mouthfuls of phosphate matrix at HAHATOE and KPOGAME and a 26 kilometre railway carries the phosphate rock down to Kpeme on the coast. Twenty-four to twenty-eight wagons, each carrying 24 tons of phosphate rock, make up one train load which is discharged at a siding alongside the Kpeme plant.

Kpeme itself lies 35 kilometres east of Lome, just short of Aneho and the Dahomey border ; the first thing you see on approaching is the 1,400 yard long metal jetty with probably a ship of 50,000 tons displacement alongside, loading phosphates—an impressive sight.

It is a modern plant and the " flow plan " is extremely simple. The phosphate rock is scooped from the siding on to a conveyor belt and the purpose of the Plant treatment is to remove all unwanted material and to reduce the " rock " to a fine sand with a particle size of 3 millimetres. Four separate conveyor belts, each with a capacity of 150 tons an hour, feed the rock into 4 parallel sets of equipment which with water and Cyclones separate out the unwanted particles. Lastly the water is removed by HEAT and the fine sandlike phosphate continues out to storage—250,000 tons capacity, and the phosphate has only a humidity of 1% maximum. A fifth " Chaine de traitement " will raise capacity to the planned 3 million tons by the end of 1978, or in 1979.

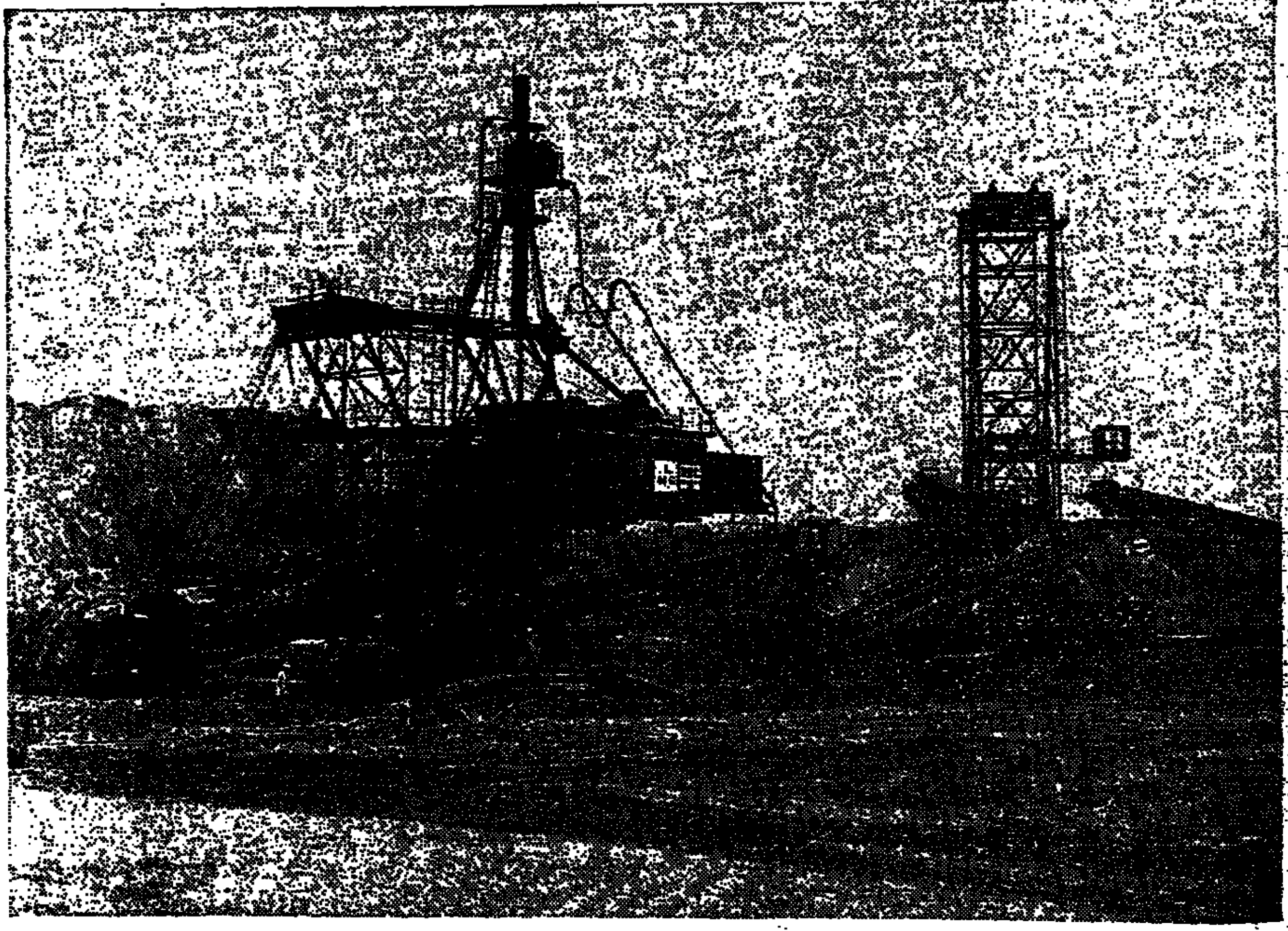
Kpeme produces its own electricity, there is a Diesel electric plant alongside the phosphate treatment area and it has a capacity of 12,600 kW and 63,000 Volts.

The world recession has made 1975 a difficult year for everyone in the Commodity Market, and Phosphates have suffered along with the others. Morocco is much the largest exporter of Phosphates in the world (the USA and the USSR both *produce* more) and to an extent Togo must follow in her marketing wake. In 1974 Morocco reached 20 million tons production of Phosphates for the first time and exported nearly all this tonnage ; Togo also achieved a record 2,552,854 tons. All Togo's production is in the 77/79% of TRICALCIQUE range which is amongst the highest in the world, whilst Morocco's main tonnage falls into the 70% to 78% ranges.

For 1975 the position is bleaker, Morocco will chalk up maximum sales of 16 million tons ; 4 million down on 1974 and 6¼ million down on the original projection—and we have cut back to 1.1 million tons from a projected 2.6 (the present maximum capacity of Kpeme). Morocco will probably secure an income exceeding $1.1 billion from its exports of Phosphates and we plan for over $71.5 million with our major customers being France, Germany and the Benelux. However we also look to barter deals in the near future with Gabon and Nigeria—crude oil for our new Lome refinery in exchange for phosphates.

The long-term outlook for Phosphates has *to* be good, the burgeoning world population will put pressure on the farmers to raise international crop standards towards those achieved in the United States and so world demand can quickly outstrip the supply position once more. However, the short-term outlook is less good, farmers know they can cut back on phosphates for up to 3 years before the crop yields fall off dramatically and the financial shock of the new petrol prices have made them husband their resources.

Note : From 1976 onwards it would be sensible to include SAHARAN phosphate tonnage in the Moroccan figures ; with a strong market their overall tonnage production could reach 30 million tons as we reach 3 million. R.B.



These 4 photographs give you some idea of the Phosphate operation in Togo. The large picture shows one of the giant excavating machines in action whilst the 3 in the strip from right to left show the railhead at the mine, the unloading of phosphate matrix at the end of its journey to Kpeme, and a large vessel alongside Kpeme jetty where the fine sandlike Phosphate (particle size 3 millimetres after treatment at the Kpeme plant) is being loaded. For further information write to : The Compagnie Togolaise des Mines du Benin, Lome and Kpeme.

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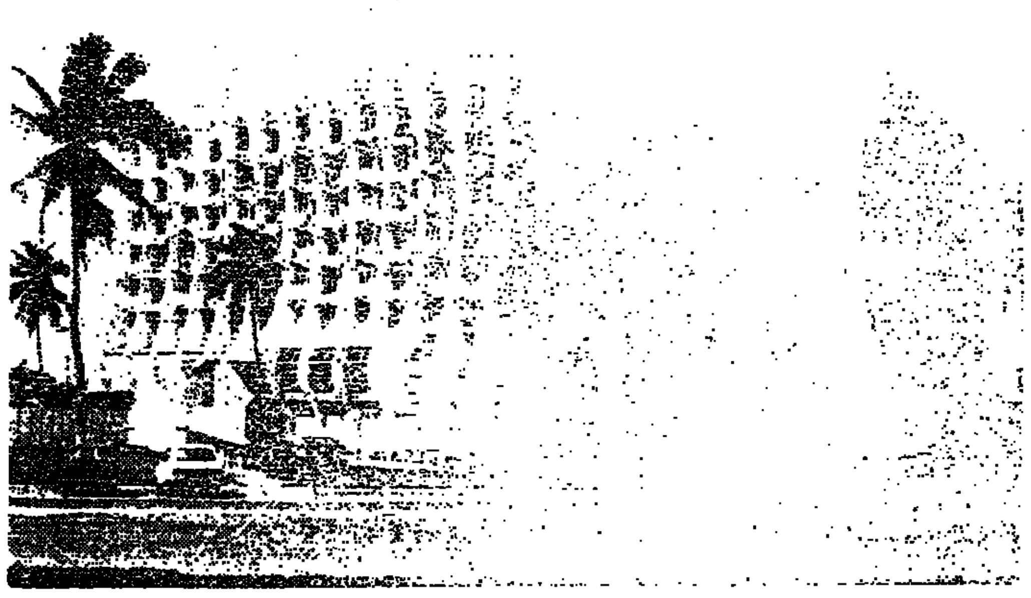
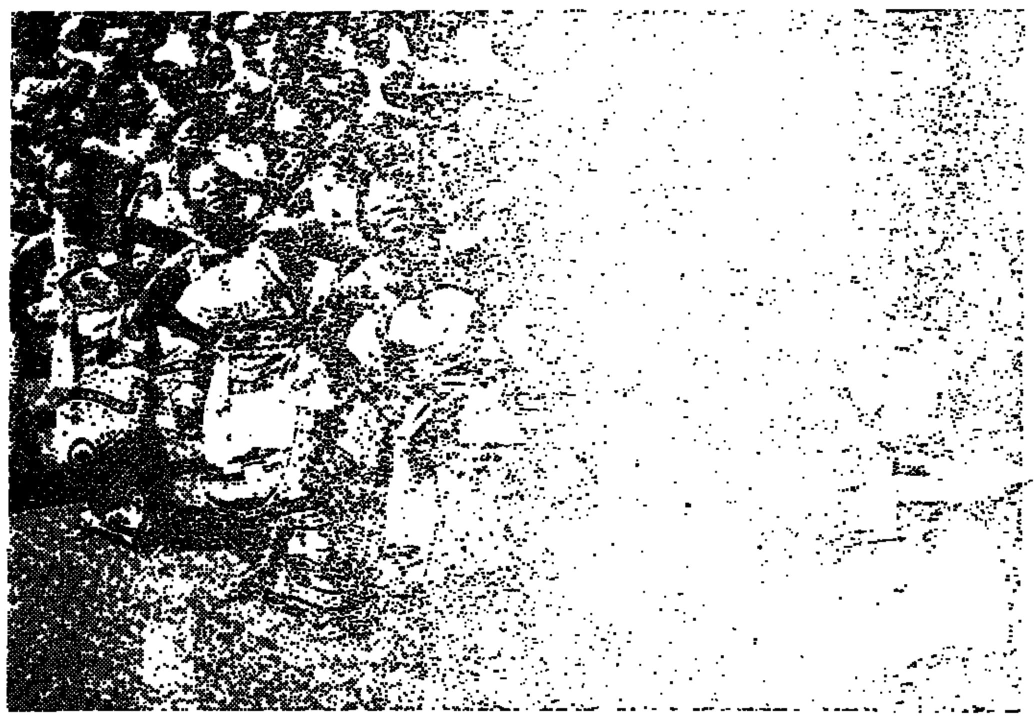
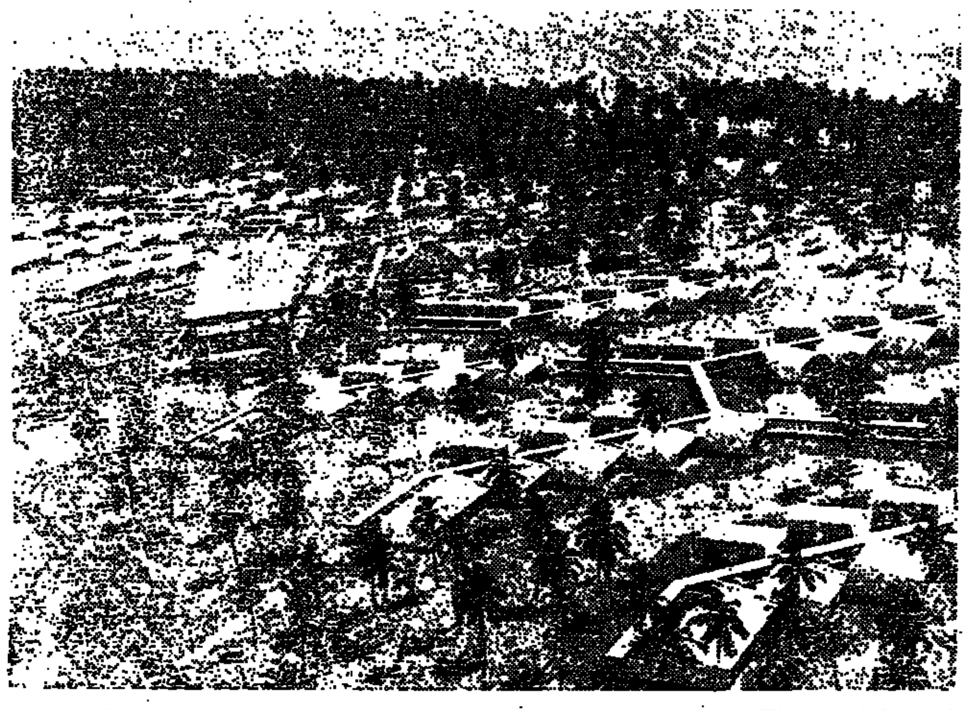






Top left : His Excellency General Gnassingbé Eyadema, President **of the Republic of Togo** and President and Founder of the R.P.T.— **Rassemblement du Peuple** Togolais, dressed as a traditional chief, **Sokode, North Togo.**

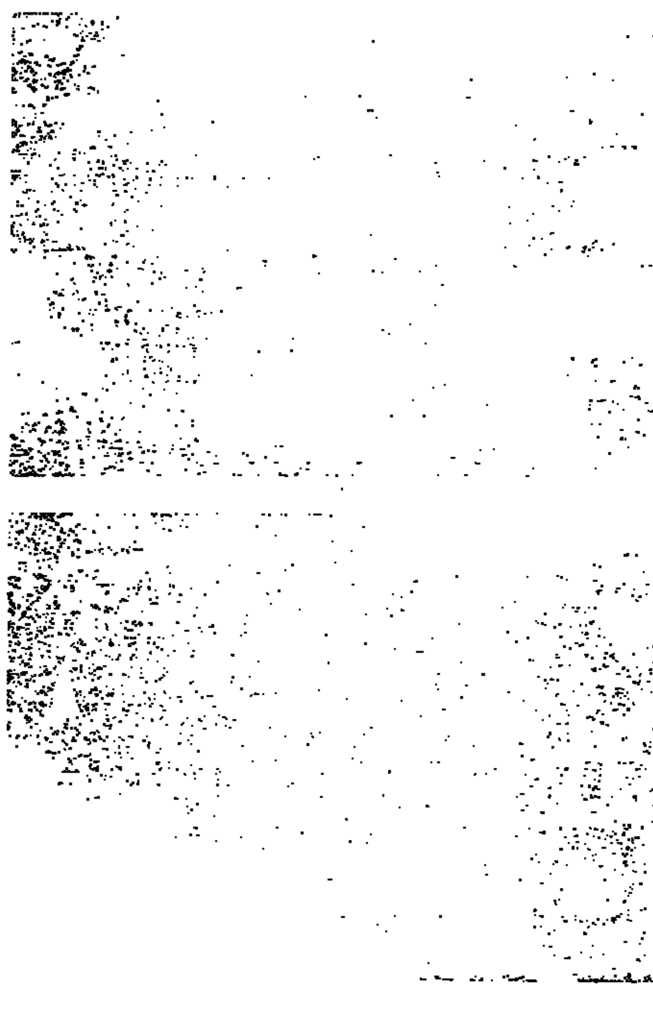
Top right : Hotel de la Paix, Lomé. [illegible] R.P.T. **dancing. Animateurs/**Animation.

Far left : The Tropicana Hotel/Beach complex just [illegible] Lomé.

Left : Togo wrestlers.

Below left : Gombo. a tropical crop and [illegible] bringing **in a wagonload of** Manioc.

Below right : Healthy village cattle grazing [illegible]



TOGO IN PICTURES

Togo was the favourite German colony in Africa in the anachronistic first decade of the 20th Century, when a Reich Kommissar was stomping the great wharf at Lomé ; the reason why this should be so hits you dramatically when you first arrive there. Like Ozymandias, the Imperial jetty is crumbled and smashed—whilst the French successor lies derelict alongside, but the piquancy, the fierceness, the beauty of Togo lives on and laps around you in a stimulatingly dangerous embrace. A sensation like smelling frangipani for the first time ; having a coconut sliced open for you—six deft and rapid machete strokes ; hauling in a giant catch of silver and shimmering sardines, with the women already beginning to bargain about the proper division of the spoils : waterskiing on Lake Togo (no bilharzia!) or surfing from Tropicana Beach gain an extra dimension just from the ambience of Togo.

The Togolese are very relaxed about tourists and have no hangup about the past. Germany introduced good railways and their knowledge of Tropical agriculture was in advance of England's or France's and so set Togo on course for great prosperity. The French continued this good work—you still have the "Coconut Palm Line" running along the 44 kilometre coastline to Aneho, the COCOA line leading NW to Palime and the COTTON line leading due north to Atakpame and Blitta. Crops extended to Palm Oil, Coffee, Copra and Kapok. One indelible mark of the French is the *cuisine* ; Lomé has some of the best restaurants on the West African coast and the prices are often below less good Anglophone restaurants.

Lomé is the centre of all activity for Togo, it derives its name from ALOES—ALOME—LOME. The architecture of the new hotel De la Paix is stunning and will appeal enormously to the young ; it is stylish and full of new ideas. If you can't afford to stay there try lunch by the pool one day. The Benin is a hotel in the grand manner, more of a Metropole at Brighton. For the best food in Lomé I would choose first the pricey Le Berry and second the Hotel du Golfe —its large comfortable rooms sheathed in local marble offer excellent value. Outside Lomé a few kilometres beyond the port lies TROPICANA, a complex of hotel bungalows beside the beach. This is the favourite choice of the Germans and the Scandinavians. Togolese don't bat an eyelid if the tourists choose to bathe and sunbathe in the nude, but the unwritten rule is "Tropicana Beach only".

Togolese also enjoy Tropicana and they come out to sit by the two swimming pools. Tourists have plenty of choice for evening entertainment : dinner at Le Mandarin or Le Maxime—chacun à son goût, night-clubbing at the Pussy Cat, a dance at the Benin or just prowling around enjoying the tropical night. Unlike many cities, Lomé is safe to walk about in anytime of the day or night. Togolese are both naturally friendly and inquisitive and the police strike just about the perfect balance of firmness and efficiency. As for the Presidential Guard, they are magnificent and it is a pleasure to attend a function at the Congress when they parade for their President and the Animateurs sing and dance. The Congress seats 3,000 in its theatre, has a banquet hall for 700 and a 200 square metre Exhibition Hall, so if any of you reading this are doctors, lawyers, architects or bankers think of Lomé for your next Congress—stretch your imaginations a little.

Togo is a small country so you can take it at one grasp. Drive along the coast under the Coconut palms, sit by a lagoon and think of the dream house you could build there. Recognise the grotesque old baobab, the mango, the kapok (a tree that looks like an oak but has great clumps of cottonwool all over it), the eucalyptus. Stop off at a small restaurant for a bottle of Algerian wine at 50p a bottle and the menu at £2. Visit the artisanal boutiques and stalls, there are lovely carvings in wood and ivory, statues in bronze, leatherwork of great delicacy and striking colours, also lovely batiks. Before buying anything, it is as well to visit the Kponton Museum first ; Hubert Kponton was a composer and poet who wrote angrily about "the Slave Coast" (today's Bight of Benin) : you will then develop an eye for the more beautiful things designed and made in Togo. Free Port prices allow you to buy cameras, taperecorders, wines and spirits at surprisingly low prices if you are decidedly not a "culture bug" and Tropicana has its own casino if you like gambling.

Don't neglect the north of Togo, you can fly there easily and swiftly and the countryside is particularly beautiful. You will find plenty of game and two towns are particularly worth a visit. LAMA KARA is being restored to its former splendour and PYA of course is the birthplace of the President. A museum is being built in Pya to record the career of His Excellency General Gnassingbé Eyadema ; his contribution to modern Togo has been gigantic and the museum will illustrate this. The President is passionately fond of the north and likes to show friends around himself.

Togo will stimulate your interest, you will want to find out more about her people and her history. In the 15th Century the Portuguese used to stop off on their way from El Mina (Ghana) to Ouidah (Dahomey), but it was in the mad scramble for "Empire" at the end of the 19th Century that Togo fell officially under foreign rule. Gustav Nachtigal appeared off the Togolese coasts on July 5, 1884 and Togo was formally colonised by Germany on December 24, 1885. Togo fell to the French and English in 1914 and with independence our country was truncated.

Sir Richard Attenborough in his film, "Oh What A Lovely War" brought out the idiosyncratic way in which Europe Colonised AFRICA—across on the East side, the Kaiser won Kilimanjaro by the simple ploy of appealing to his Grandmother's sense of justice ; was it right she should have TWO mountains and he None when a small adjustment of the frontier would give them one each ?

Africa has suffered much because of European MUCHISMO—Prussia was to be contained, let her have a piece of the action and she would stop feeling frustrated. So German Colonies blossomed among the Portuguese, Spanish, French, English and Belgian : Togoland, Kameroun, German SW Africa, Tanganyika . . .

Then the European powers fell out in the First World War and what happened? Togoland and Cameroun Cameroon were carved up by the French and the English, German SW Africa fell into the clutches of the Boers and Tanganyika was relatively fortunate in being taken over lock stock and barrel by the British.

Poor Cameroun had to suffer dismemberment when two thirds of British Cameroon was incorporated into Nigeria and we too suffered the same fate when "British Togoland" was [illegible] the Socialists' wicked [illegible] high and [illegible]

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German lessons in beating the recession

The Government is gravely worried by soaring public expenditure and has warned local authorities that they will have to make economies. The construction industry is in a deep recession, with thousands of workers unemployed. The railways are losing money at a disastrous rate and are planning drastic cuts in routes and services. Motorway plans, particularly in cities, are meeting with vociferous opposition from environmentalists. New housing estates are plagued by vandalism, and the planners have abandoned grandios redevelopment schemes in favour of smaller and more "Human" urban renewal projects.

A scenario for Britain at the start of 1976? In fact it is West Germany, the richest country in Europe. In one way it is reassuring to note how strikingly similar many of the Germans' problems are to our own, but it is also chastening to see how much more successfully, on the whole, they appear to be dealing with them. And that has little, if anything, to do with their greater wealth.

The biggest post-war success story, apart from the industrial resurgence, has probably been housing. Starting from a position far worse than our own, with some two-thirds of the buildings in the larger cities destroyed, the country has virtually achieved equilibrium between supply and demand. There are still difficulties, particularly those like the Kreuzberg district in Berlin which have been allowed to become immigrant ghettoes. But opportunities for exploitation of tenants are now so rare that the Government was able to abolish rent controls in Munich and Hamburg at the beginning of this year, leaving Berlin as the only city where there is not a free market in housing.

That does not mean tenants have no security. Landlords may not increase rents unless they can show that their costs have risen or that they are charging less than for comparable flats or houses in the neighbourhood. They may charge more if they modernize their properties, but modernization may not be carried out against the tenants' wishes or used as grounds for eviction.

How has this happy state of affairs been achieved? The most striking fact is that there are few council houses. Instead, federal and state government funds are channelled into widespread subsidies, ranging from "housing allowances" (roughly equivalent to rent rebates) for low-income families to tax relief on mortgage payments.

The provision of housing is regarded by all political parties as best left to private enterprise. But there are important capital subsidies in the form of low-interest or interest-free loans to builders and housing associations, in return for which local authorities may nominate tenants. Roughly 44 per cent of post-war housing is "social", that is subsidized, housing. Non profit-making building societies compete for funds with commercial firms, and depositors are entitled to savings premiums from the Government after a certain period.

Although the country has avoided land speculation on the British scale, average prices rose by 170 per cent between 1962 and 1973, and by considerably more in the large cities. To counter public disquiet, the Government introduced in 1971 the Urban Development Promotion Law, which is every bit as radical as, although rather less clumsy than, our Community Land Act. It gives local authorities wide powers over the disposal of land zoned for redevelopment, including the right of compulsory purchase, and requires owners to compensate the authorities for the entire increase in the value of their land created by a zoning decision. The last requirement may be modified by a Bill at present before the Bundestag, which also provides for much wider public participation in the preparation of development plans.

Zoning controls are very strict in places, notably Hamburg, where new office development has been directed away from the city centre to a huge new estate in the suburbs, and in Munich, where the historic central area has been lovingly restored and where residential districts are so zealously preserved that it is all but impossible even for a doctor or a lawyer to convert an apartment into his surgery or office. Elsewhere, in Frankfurt for example, it has been a less happy story.

Despite the difficulties of the federal railways, which in 1974 lost some DM10,000m (nearly £2,000m), the emphasis is heavily on improved and expanded public transport. "The end of new autobahn construction is in sight," a Government official in Bonn told me. The Government is financing studies by Messerschmitt-Bölkow-Blohm and Kraus-Maffei of both a high-speed inter-city monorail and an urban rapid transit system of small "cabin-taxis" running on an overhead track, although neither is likely to prove practicable in the immediate future.

At present 6 pfennig of the tax on every litre of motor fuel goes towards the capital cost of new public transport systems. But cities have to compete for federal funds; Bonn, for instance, has an embryo subway, whereas Stuttgart was told its proposals were too expensive and that it should concentrate on improving its trams.

The best public transport is to be found in Hamburg and Berlin, where the first subways were built long before the last war. The Hamburg authorities are determined to make things as difficult as possible for private motorists in the city centre, and have even contrived to banish most buses to underground interchange points outside the inner area. Office developers are obliged to contribute the money they would have spent on car parks for employees to the provision of park-and-ride facilities in the suburbs.

Berlin has problems because of the Wall and because of the difficulties of integrating the surface suburban railway which runs through the city but is operated by the East German authorities; at one time it was virtually boycotted by West Berliners and is only used now with some reluctance. But, with only a 50 per cent federal subsidy, the subway fare has been kept at a flat rate of 55 pfennig (about 10p), which should say something about the efficiency of London Transport.

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Taking the friction out of finding money for a Scottish Assembly

If the devolution debate that begins in the House of Commons today is to be constructive one of its main purposes must be to minimize the potential points of friction between Westminster and the Scottish Assembly. The worst of these is not the Westminster veto about which so much has been heard. It is the proposed method of financing the Assembly.

The White Paper recommends that this should be essentially by a block grant from the Exchequer, with the Assembly having the right in addition to levy a surcharge on local authority taxation. With the present system of local authority finance that would mean simply the right to levy a surcharge on the rates, which would be highly unpopular and unlikely to be used to any great extent.

The block grant is, therefore, the key. How would its size be determined? The White Paper has a bland and easy answer. "The amount will be a matter for political judgment, on the basis of an assessment of relative needs made jointly with the Scottish administration through close and continuous collaboration." It goes on to say optimistically that "with understanding on both sides agreement should usually be reached on a total accepted as fair both to Scotland and to the rest of the United Kingdom". The Secretary of State for Scotland, Mr William Ross, has recently described the procedure in somewhat cosy and improbable terms.

The reality would be very different. If the size of the block grant is to be settled in an annual bout of political haggling, that will simply build conflict into the system. Either the grant will be so large that Scottish opinion is bound to be satisfied, in which case it will almost certainly be inflationary. Or the Scottish administration will have to show publicly that it fought valiantly for more. Political logic will force it to display its bruises. This is a system that almost precludes the friendly agreement on which the White Paper so touchingly puts its faith.

There is another, less obvious way, in which the system is liable to breed friction. The White Paper declares that "the Scottish administration will have the fullest possible freedom to decide how the money from the block grant should be spent". But in a paper last week to a conference in Glasgow of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, Dr. C. H. Stout, Edinburgh's Director of Finance, argued that this power would be largely illusory. The procedure, he thought, would be little different from the present Scottish Office arrangements.

One of the features of these arrangements is that the Scottish Office is reluctant to make full use of its discretion to do things differently.

That is why administrative devolution is not always so far-reaching as it sounds. Scottish officials do not want to upset their colleagues in the relevant Whitehall department. This may be partly because of the psychological balance. It is also no doubt because of a shrewd awareness of the need for Treasury approval for all expenditure proposals, which would not be so readily given if it were thought in Whitehall that the Scots were implementing some hare-brained schemes.

Similarly, a Scottish administration responsible to the Assembly would find itself, while negotiating the size of the block grant, in fact arguing about its ingredients—which would mean having to justify its own individual policies. It would be demanding money to make up the backlog in Scottish housing or to keep pace with, say, the recruitment of teachers in England. Having obtained the money for teachers, a Scottish administration would then have the right to spend it on nurses instead—but that would hardly be the best way to secure a large block grant next year. If the Assembly is to be financed to such an extent by a block grant settled each year by a process of political bargaining it will inevitably limit the capacity of a Scottish administration to pursue distinctive policies in fields that have nominally been devolved.

One alternative would be to give the Assembly greater power to raise its own taxes. There is certainly a case for going further in that direction, but there seems no prospect of the Government going so far at this stage as to make the block grant of only subsidiary importance. A Scottish administration could be given a fixed share of particular taxes raised by the United Kingdom Government—the oil revenues are the most familiar example. But there are the Treasury's well known objections to hypothecating the use of a particular tax for a specified purpose. The buoyancy of an individual tax may also be quite unrelated to the developing needs of Scotland. That is especially true of the oil revenues where the forecasts differ so widely. Such a solution would therefore not be compatible with the strategy of the White Paper in continuing to assess the need throughout the United Kingdom as a whole.

But it would be entirely consistent with this principle to develop a more automatic formula for calculating the size of the grant each year. It could be based on population and geography, weighted according to various indices of deprivation and other factors. It would not matter if the formula itself were complicated because it would not have to be renegotiated each year.

The White Paper declares that no neat formula could be devised to produce fair shares for Scotland in varying circumstances from year to year, and the task would certainly not be easy. But this is one of those cases where administrative objections can be accepted too readily. A firmer commitment is needed than the vague promise in the White Paper to discuss with the Scottish administration the possibility of collecting objective information on standards and needs.

The most ingenious formula in the world could not remove all contention from the financing of the Assembly. By its very nature it is always likely to want more than it will be given. But a formula based on objective criteria could provide for a fair allocation of money from the Exchequer between Scotland and the rest of the United Kingdom. If it could be applied automatically it would minimize the annual haggling; and it would also give the Scottish administration the real discretion in spending the money it has been promised but which under the present proposals would be largely an illusion.

Geoffrey Smith

How long now can Señora Perón survive?

Even for Argentina where, as a senior diplomat put it, "everything bad that can happen to a country either has happened, is happening or is being plotted", the past few weeks have been spectacular.

Normally, the Christmas season heralds a pause in the turbulent political scene, but the closing weeks of 1975 brought further allegations of misuse of state funds and embezzlement by members of the Government—and even by the President, Señora Maria Estela Perón herself. To this were added reports of cocaine trafficking by the powerful, an uprising against the Government by the air force, and one of the largest guerrilla operations ever mounted in Latin America.

The only positive thing Señor Ricardo Balbin, the Radical Party leader, had to say about 1975 in Argentina was that it was now over—and he fervently hoped 1976 would not provide a repetition. He further suggested (to a Government still reeling from the most profound attacks yet on its 19 month administration) that 1976 would provide the supreme test for its survival.

Ironically, a few days after his comments, Señor Balbin's house was bombed, though he was unharmed.

And to the end of the year, the nightmarish round of political murders and kidnappings went on. On a sunny Sunday afternoon on December 28, Roberto Quieto, one of the two main leaders of the Montoneros, the Perónist guerrilla organization, was seized—wearing only his swimming trunks—as he played with his two sons on a beach outside Buenos Aires. The arrest (for the men armed with machineguns carried identification papers of federal police and army) bore the stamp of the AAA right-wing death squad, and there are fears about his fate.

Roberto Quieto, a political prisoner who originally escaped from Rawson jail in southern Argentina in 1972, is believed to be the latest victim of the vendetta carried out against the surviving prisoners and their families by the AAA.

By now almost everyone in Argentina has suffered the personal loss of a friend or relative in the ceaseless ideological war waged by left and right wing guerrillas. Assassinations are now running at the rate of about 150 a month.

This atmosphere of growing lawlessness and terrifying personal insecurity is poisoned by economic insecurity. At the end of December, the Argentine peso was once again devalued—making a total of 85 per cent depreciation since the beginning of the year, while the annual inflation rate has now surged beyond 300 per cent. Workers, whose wages are now worth half that of last summer, cannot afford the luxury goods displayed in shop windows, creating bitterness and tension exacerbated by black marketeering, financial speculation by foreign businessmen and corruption among the rich and powerful, a situation summed up by the military as "social and political chaos". And, according to military sources, 33 out of 34 Argentine generals voted to end the Perónist administration if this persisted.

For it is the military who, in the midst of a crumbling, divided and discredited Perónist administration, have now come to the forefront of political life.

Their new cohesion and authority have been increasingly evident since the four-day revolt in December by the airforce to force Señora Perón out of office and reinstate armed forces commander Jorge Videla as head of the country. The new commander of the Moron airbase (the rebels' headquarters) said pointedly that "the surrender should not be considered a defeat", an indication of the sympathy if not outright support felt throughout the armed forces for the rebels.

Even they did not consider their failure to bring down the Government a total loss because "they had made their case known". Nevertheless, the armed forces stood by the constitution—and only one general actually came out in support of the airforce rebels.

Belatedly, and bowing to military pressure, Senora Perón has been making an attempt to rally her Government. She has sacked her former top adviser, Señor Lopez Rega, exiled to Spain in the summer under combined union and military pressure, but later given the post of roving ambassador.

He is now wanted in Buenos Aires to answer charges of embezzlement while holding the post of Minister of Social Security, but he has shown no signs of returning.

The new cohesion of the army, despite some ideological differences between military "hawks" favouring a Pinochet-type regime and a more moderate line favoured by Commander Videla (and supported by ex-dictator Lanusse) contrasts significantly with the confusion within the Perónist ranks. Perónists are backing the call for impeachment of their own leader Señora Perón, accused of making out a cheque for 500,000 dollars from a state charity to the sisters of "Evita", the first wife of President Juan Perón. As evidence of widescale government corruption accumulates, so the ripples from the "Argentine Watergate", as it has been dubbed, increasingly threaten the survival of the Government.

Nor does 1976 promise any relief to the immense problems Senora Perón and her administration will face. She will have to cope with the increasing role of the military in every sphere of public life, with congress functioning at present like a battlefield and with the confrontation of the two key figures in Argentine trade unions, Senor Lorenzo Miguel, General Secretary of the 62 Perónist organizations and Señor Victor Calabro, Governor of Buenos Aires.

The army now support Calabro, already ousted both from the Perónist party and the union for being too left-wing, whilst he is holding only tenuously onto his governorship. A telegram sent by Commander Jorge Videla is expected to cushion him against conservative opposition.

Even though the Administration now only has to survive until October 17, the new date set for elections—put forward from 1977 some believe to give the Government a better chance of survival — many doubt whether she will survive even this. The newspaper *El Cronista* recently speculated along the lines of two possible types of military government in Argentina—both of which pre-suppose the ousting of Señora Perón.

Nor does the guerrilla problem show any signs of abating. The day after the abortive air force coup was put down about 1,000 guerrillas attacked a military arsenal in Monte Chingolo, from which they were finally repulsed.

The ultimate political guarantor in Latin America, the United States, has yet to declare its hand. The crisis in government now being played out in both Chile and Argentina directly affects strategic American interests in the hemisphere. The role of the United States in ending the Allende administration in Chile and its cautious endorsement of the return of Perónist rule to Argentina point to Washington's concern, in spite of a United States Congress which now looks unfavourable (as in Angola) at such a traditional exercise of American influence abroad.

The strategic importance of a stable Latin America and the way in which Latin American governments are accustomed to turn to Washington in moments of crisis suggest that the tragedy now being played out in Argentina is an increasingly bloody performance of Hamlet without the Prince.

Susan Morgan

Bernard Levin

Sniggering does nothing for the cause of equality

I own to a feeling of considerable distaste at the whinnying that has largely drowned all discussion of the Sex Discrimination Act since it came into force. It is not the sheer awfulness of the jokes that concerns me (though that is rapidly driving me bananas—there really are people who think it is very funny to refer to "personkind" or "the German author Thomas Personn", and one clown even wrote a letter to the *Daily Another Newspaper* beginning "Person", instead of "Sir", and has probably been dining out on his own cleverness ever since), but I am much struck by the sheer nastiness of the attitudes behind the red-faced, beery sniggering.

What is more, I have heard that particular kind of sniggering before, though at first sight the connexion may not be obvious; it is exactly the same as the chorus that greeted the institution of the National Health Service in 1948. It was then considered very funny to contemplate the provision without charge of false teeth and spectacles to those who needed them, though the funny side of it only seemed to strike those who either did not need them or could easily afford them, and many of these reacted to the measure with jokes roughly as funny as the present crop about the practice of overpersonning in the steel industry. On the earlier occasion, the accompanying nastiness was a class phenomenon; the jeers came from those who felt that the poor had no business being made presentable, and that toothlessness and myopia were afflictions that they should bear in patience. Today, the similar reaction to the new law is based on what might be called attitudes of sexual class; a particular kind of man thinks that women have no business being equal, and similarly ought to bear their lesser status without complaint.

What the attitudes have in common is a mutual grounding in an indentical fear. The fear is of a threat to the position and possessions of those who have both, faced with a sudden improvement in the lot of those who have neither, and it is as old as it is unpleasant, and as understandable as it is old. It is really only another word for selfishness, and the parallel between the two sets of attitudes is in fact a very close one. I well remember from my own youth the reaction that I have described to the programme of the Attlee Government, and in that reaction the most vicious expressions of class hatred were directed not against such things as the nationalization measures but against moves towards the amelioration of the social conditions of the masses, of which the most notable was the NHS. And I believe that it is significant that the objects singled out for particular scorn—the teeth and spectacles (and wigs)—were those things that woke the Kraken, that humanized the previously faceless poor, that opened the doors of society to them, and thus presented the very real possibility that they might get past the butler and bring their muddy boots into the drawing-room.

And today, when, ironically, the boot of class hatred has been transferred to the other leg (though it is now directed not by the poor against the rich but by the newly affluent sections of the industrial working class against the newly impoverished middle class), the new version is directed by men against women, and the provisions of the Sex Discrimination Act have taken the place of the teeth and spectacles as the means by which the under-sex may become fully humanized, as the under-class did earlier. (the parallels may be even more numerous, and closer, than even that suggests. The middle-class habits of thrift and economic independence, by providing an unbearable but inescapable reminder that self-betterment is open to all, have provoked the rage of those who have rejected the self-betterment from which they could so greatly profit, in favour of the twin *chimerae* of present consumption and all-embracing state help. Similarly, it may be profoundly—and if so, depressingly—significant that the action with which some of the sillier sisters saw fit to mark the passage of the new emancipating measure was a demonstration in furtherance of their demand to be allowed to drink standing up in a bar).

"With the coming of Female Emancipation", said G. K. Chesterton, "ten thousand women cried 'We will not be dictated to'—and immediately became stenographers." But that was a false dawn, and embedded in his jest was the proof of its falsity; today, the threat is a real one, which is why it has provoked the reaction that it has, accompanied by the smell of real fear. Like all such enabling legislation, the Act will not in *itself* do anything to better the lot of women; but it will give women the opportunity to better their own lot, provided they do not waste that opportunity either on silliness and stunts, or on the fun-revolutionary activities to which so many of their leaders seem to be devoted. (The most disgraceful betrayal of the cause of women's liberation by women themselves was their failure to hail the election of Mrs Thatcher. The choice of a woman as potential Prime Minister of Great Britain was an enormous achievement, which would have been quite impossible only two or three years earlier; all it received from some of the sisterhood was sneers, simply because Mrs Thatcher was a Tory and not a Marxist.) But if they do succeed in using the Act to press on towards genuine equality of opportunity they will indeed pose a threat to the male domination of our society, and in particular to the way in which that domination has enabled men to retain a wildly disproportionate share both of power and of the loot that goes with it.

No wonder, then, that the reaction has been what it has. (And I say nothing about hidden fears of the threat by emancipated women to the directly sexual dominance of the male, which is inextricably interwoven with the threat to man's power and income.) Indeed, much of it has been so extreme that I wonder that its basis has not been understood by some of those engaged in the terrified sneering. And in one sense the reaction, though repulsive, has been healthy, or at any rate potentially so. For it must mean that the new legislation is seen as a real threat, with explosive possibilities, instead of a harmless exercise in public relations. It *can* have explosive effects; but only if women, and their allies among men, can use it creatively and usefully, and not bear out the worst that is now being said and implied by wasting the opportunity it gives. That would give great satisfaction to those who believe that they have answered the case for true equality of opportunity between the sexes by asking whether the Act forbids anyone to advertise for a female wet-nurse. But it would not be what generations of women have fought for.

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The Times Diary

Hot on the trail of dynamic birds

As part of a study of bird life in cities, Bristol Naturalists' Society have organized a starling watch, taking place on three Sunday afternoons this winter. Robin Young joined the second of their trysts at the weekend and reports.

The party of eight who met outside the Victoria Rooms in Clifton were told that the previous watch had not yielded very much. "We spotted a hot air balloon and some climbers in the Avon Gorge", said the organizer, Michael Taylor, "but it was an atrocious day and we did not see many starlings."

Taylor is assistant secretary of the society's ornithological section, and has spent years on the track of the city's bird life. "Many years ago I used to pursue the jackdaws and rooks on my bike to follow their flight paths. And I used to lean out of my flat window in Redland, counting starlings furiously as they flew by."

Taylor says that with the changes in our countryside, towns and cities are becoming ever more important reservoirs of wild life. "Gulls are now nesting on the roofs in Bristol and Bath, and there are 14 or 15 pairs of kestrels which nest within the city. One of the most interesting things is that a roost of pied wagtails have taken over the ornamental trees in our new pedestrian shopping precinct." Taylor posted his volunteers to vantage points around the city, then he and I set out on a roving commission, looking, as he said "for ideas and clues".

The intention of the survey is to determine the relationship between the starlings' feeding grounds and their roosts. One of the biggest roosts is now in Temple Meads station. It developed during the hard winters of 1962 to 1964 and has persisted ever since, although British Rail have tried everything from netting the ends of the railway shed arches to sending men with iron poles to bang on the roofs where the starlings perched.

"Starlings are a very dynamic species," said Taylor. "They are the classic example of birds which do everything. They migrate into the country, out of the country, within the country and sometimes just stay put.

"Starlings come in in the evening in a trickle, but they leave in the mornings in great waves," he explained. But not even a trickle was discernible at 3.30 when we were in the marshes by Long Ashton.

We nearly left the road when Taylor strove to identify two woodpigeons feeding in ivy at the roadside, paused to count 14 mute swans in the feeder canal, and then watched for any signs of starlings heading towards Temple Meads, which was still unvisited by the species when we passed at 3.50. But when we drove back along the canal, we found that the air around the Cattle Road bridge, where the railway tracks leaving Temple Meads cross a small branch of the river, was alive with milling starlings.

Across the rail sheds we could see that Brunel's station buildings were having every pinnacle and ledge filled with birds. From time to time great flurries of birds would rise for no apparent reason, mill about and descend once more. They took no notice of the arrival and departure of trains, or frequent loudspeaker announcements.

We went round to the station entrance and found that some birds had entered the farther end of the platform sheds, where they shrilled among the girders. Many more were fluttering against British Rail's protective netting, trying to find their way in.

Taylor reckoned that from what we had seen there would probably be at least 20,000 starlings sleeping at Temple Meads. "It is remarkable when you think that the starlings did not nest in this part of the country before 1800", he said. But before he can say where all the birds came from he will have to await the reports of the other observers.

Out of season

Possibly the first picnicking civil servant of the year was spotted in St James's Park yesterday, as the sun pierced winter's drab with an unseasonal and brief shaft of warmth. There he sat by the pond, clad in woollen scarf and heavy grey overcoat, wolfing his way through a huge slice of cheesecake in a large orange plastic bowl.

"So pleasant after all the dull weather we've been having, don't you think?" he remarked. "It may be rather chilly, but a spot of sun lifts the spirits and makes the world seem a little less awful, doesn't it?" On the next bench a wild-eyed man with a black beard was frantically tearing up three whole loaves of Mother's Pride into duck-sized portions. "Comes here summer and winter whatever the weather; I reckon he's bonkers", said another park regular, out of earshot.

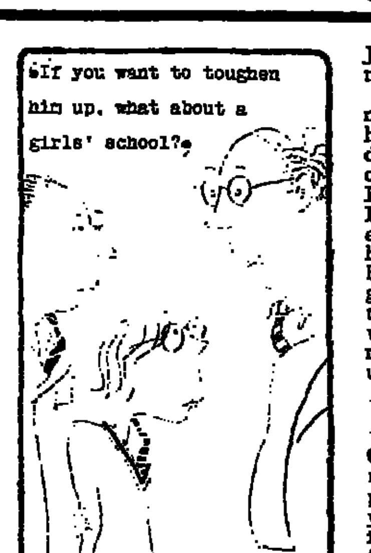
But the brief burst of premature spring did not bring out the pallid denizens of nearby Whitehall in any great numbers. A few sat on benches reading books, coat collars turned up to a man; weary parents on family outings stuffed food into children and told them they would be going home soon. The lunchtime crowd preferred to walk purposefully from one park gate to the other without stopping.

The miniature weather station at the Trafalgar Square end was showing a commendable 16 degrees C in the shade, and a chilly breeze gusting up to 10 mph. Underneath, the daily Met Office report of "Weather At Health Resorts" included, rather incongruously, figures from such places as Stornoway and Belfast Airport. By 1.30 the black clouds were rolling in again from the Haymarket end, and gloom returned with winter's pall. Ah well, it was nice while it lasted.

Holy gourmet

Catholics in Britain await the names of the new archbishops of Westminster and Liverpool which should be announced within weeks.

The key figure in taking soundings in Britain is Archbishop Bruno Heim, 64, the Swiss-born papal diplomat who is the Pope's representative here. He's quiet, softly spoken and clutches worry beads as he talks. A fellow diplomat says: "He brags only about his cooking, and that is entirely justified."


"If you want to toughen him up, what about a girls' school?"

After two years here he knows a remarkable number of people. They include the Queen Mother, Joe Gormley, the Bishop of Southwark the Rt Rev Mervyn Stockwood, and Sir Anthony Wagner, Garter King of Arms. When he entertains them he does some of the cooking himself.

The son of a grammar school teacher, he became a papal diplomat almost by accident after serving as chaplain to wartime internees and as a curate. Theologically he is a progressive, influenced by the late Pope John, with whom he served in the Nunciature in Paris.

He lives in a spacious house near Wimbledon Park, run, like his office, by a small group of dedicated nuns. After posts all over the Continent and in Egypt, he enjoys being in Britain which he finds an eldorado for gardeners and heraldry enthusiastics. Archbishop Heim is such a keen gardener that he must be giving thanks in high places that the vacancies in the country's two major archbishoprics cropped up in the close season.

Betrayal

Catherine Nicholson, an artist, made a peculiarly outspoken public apology in a letter in yesterday's *Evening Standard*, for having painted the pictures for last week's BBC 1 play *The Other Woman*. Miss Nicholson says the play had an "awful script, misled direction and clumsy editing" and "was a completely retrograde piece of publicity for all lesbians".

Explaining that she is a single mother and had been in debt, Miss Nicholson concluded: "I hate to think that I betrayed my fellow women by having any of my work seen at all on TV in connexion with such a play".

When I wrote about the first Anglo-American college debating contest last week, I forecast that the British would win. I was wrong. In spite of their own admission that debating over there is dull, humourless and pedestrian, the Americans carried off half the trophies, including the impromptu and extemporaneous debates and the best overall team award.

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SECURITY AND POLITICS

Mr Wilson's role in the Irish proceedings in the House of Commons yesterday was to read the riot act in respect of county Armagh. Mr Rees's role was to reply to the report of the Northern Ireland constitutional convention and put one more squeeze on the politicians of the province in the fast fading hope that they can be prevailed upon to cooperate across the main dividing line. As ever in Ulster, security and politics march together.

The extra troops and police drafted into south Armagh and the intensification of counter-terrorist measures, which the Prime Minister summarized and emphasized, are good evidence of the Government's determination to reassert its authority in that area and improve the safety of the people who live there. Mr Heath for one does not think that enough is being done. If he is right, more will have to be done. Unless now greater confidence can be created in the will and ability of the Government to put down terrorism, not only in Armagh but throughout Northern Ireland, Ministers have no chance of making effective their and Parliament's political guidance for the province, and the risk becomes measurable of "loyalist" paramilitary forces breaking loose.

British policy having got to where it is, Mr Rees is right to invite the convention members to seek again a greater measure of agreement. While any breath remains in the "power sharing" body (the phrase itself is now studiously avoided in official speech) resuscitation ought to be attempted. Mr William Craig's advocacy of a voluntary coalition for the emergency between the main political blocks makes it premature to give the patient up for dead. His initiative deserves to be tested. Mr Rees is recalling the convention in a way which permits that to be done.

The Unionist Coalition parties have already taken up a position which is intended to snuff out the idea. They will probably have their way. If so—and that will soon be apparent—the convention's second innings should be declared closed within a matter of weeks, in order that a start can be made on the urgent task of giving the province a more satisfactory form of civil administration than it now enjoys.

Since the extinction of the old Stormont institutions in 1972 it has been a tenet of successive British administrations that devolved government can be restored to Northern Ireland only under arrangements which command the approval, or at least the acquiescence, of both the historical traditions in Ulster in their politically organized aspects. First the Catholic/Nationalists and then the Protestant/Unionists showed that locally conducted civil government could be rendered ineffective by determined opposition.

But British policy went further than that. It proceeded on the assumption that the only type of régime in which those imbued with the Catholic/Nationalist tradition would acquiesce was one which gave them a share of executive power. Their representatives were encouraged to believe that they were entitled to, and could get, a place in government by right of minority, so to speak. It will soon be necessary—barring an improbable change of heart in the convention—to conclude that in this successive British governments were holding out more than they had it in their power to deliver.

At that point "power sharing", in the institutionalized form of Sunningdale or in the unscripted, evolutionary form sponsored by Mr Rees, can be taken off the agenda. The alternatives, among which modified direct rule is the first to hand, and unilateral withdrawal the most treacherous in the literal as well as figurative sense of the word, will have to be reexamined and a choice made. Meanwhile the Government must give every indication that it is of a mind to discharge its responsibilities both in respect of the safety of the people of the province and in respect of the constitutional guarantees that have been so often repeated. Leaders of the United Ulster Unionist Coalition cannot be unaware (whatever they sound like in their latest (verbal barrages) that the one sure way to void those guarantees would be for them, as the primary representatives of the unionist majority in the province, to conduct a systematic and sustained campaign of disruption against the constitutionally founded administration of Northern Ireland.

A COMMON SENSE END TO THE COD WAR

The roots of the "cod war" have been obscured as the wary ninuet by Icelandic and British hips has grown more dangerous. The tonnages of cod offered by he one and claimed by the other emain open to negotiation, but he presence of armed warships n waters claimed by Iceland loes not. Ships of the Royal Navy were posted to those waters ifter strong appeals by British ishermen, but they cannot emain indefinitely.

Cod is the most popular fish aten in Britain and some of the irgest food companies in the ountry have committed sub- antial investments to catching id freezing it. Hundreds of jobs sea and on land in areas of igh unemployment depend on

Although Britain remains one the world's leading importers foodstuffs and other raw naterials Iceland is in proportion ven more dependent on markets overseas. Her terrain and climate lo not support domestic agricul- ure and much of her industrial lant processes fish. Frozen fish ccounts for almost a third of the value of Icelandic exports and salt fish a further fifth. The country uses fish as currency to buy vital materials including oil. Icelandic catches have declined in the past decade as the amount of fish needed to finance purchases of necessary materials overseas has risen. The Icelanders' desire to admit trawlers of other nations to the waters she claims on her terms is therefore understandable, if inadmissible under maritime law.

Yet while officials in Whitehall mutter resentfully about the nimble tactics of the Icelandic publicity machine, it is worth remembering that the United Kingdom may be one of the next countries to fend off claims to fish in waters near her. The United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea is expected to endorse the extension of a 200-mile economic zone like that already claimed by Iceland. The British Trawlers' Federation, which has rightly insisted on the right of its members' skippers to go nearer than 200 miles to Iceland, has also fired preliminary blasts against the Common Fisheries Policy of the EEC. Unless the Community changes its mind member states will be allowed to fish in each others' waters without let or hindrance after 1982.

If 200-mile limits are established before then the United Kingdom will contribute more than half of the Community's total sea area excluding the Mediterranean portion. British fishermen are asking for protection against heavy fishing in waters that are traditionally British by other Community countries which have exhausted their own grounds. Insistence on sticking to the rules in the British dispute with Iceland would offer other EEC countries a useful negotiating point against the United Kingdom after 1982.

The suggestion by Mr Sigurdsson, the Icelandic Ambassador in London, that negotiations about catches might be resumed if ships of the Royal Navy left the disputed waters, should be heeded. A period for negotiation should be laid down in which British protection vessels should steer more than 200 miles away from Iceland. Such an agreement would of course be void if that country did not also permit British trawlers to remain in the disputed zone during the talks. The dispute is not about the right to fish, but about the weight of fish to be caught.

PARKS FOR PLEASURE AND PROFIT

t was the Sandford report that rst gave wide currency to the lea that it is only up to a point iat we can have our national irks and also enjoy them. The iradox, faintly reminiscent of iantum physics, is that wild id romantic countryside rapidly ses its wildness and romance if o many people stumble round in pursuit of those qualities.

the legislation under which ir national parks were estab- hed, conservation and enjoy- ent were given equal weight as jectives with little sense of the ssibility that they might con- ct. The Sandford report de- red that statutory expression uld be given to the principle it where there was conflict, n enjoyment today should not of a kind that threatened oyment tomorrow.

As a principle, that is hard dispute. It is over the imple- itation that arguments are ly to arise. The Government e taken almost two years to pe their comments on the ort, but they accept the iciple without difficulty, only pping short of an actual commitment to give it statutory force. There is some excuse for the long delay in that great changes in the administration of national parks, and significant ones in national policy, followed soon after the committee's report. The divided control which made coherent planning almost impossible in some parks became a thing of the past, although there is room for doubt whether the reforms have gone far enough. The new authorities are no longer kept on such a close rein financially, though provision still falls far short of what the committee recommended. The desirability of keeping trunk roads and heavy traffic out of the parks is officially acknowledged, in principle at least. A new scheme giving park authorities some control over planting for private forestry creates many of the safeguards that the Sandford committee sought when it recommended that such planting should be subject to planning permission.

As well as the conflict between conservation and enjoyment there is another conflict in the national parks which the Sandford committee, with its eye on their value for the nation at large, did not always give enough weight to. For those who live in them and must find their livelihoods there, the extra restrictions and controls are often a mixed blessing. In particular this is so for farmers. Modern methods of farming are increasingly difficult to reconcile with the kind of public access that visitors expect and with the kind of landscape that they expect to see.

Sandford foresaw, and the Government accept, that if the land is to function as a park as well as agriculturally then restrictions on the farmers who tend it can only increase. The report proposed that in extreme cases a park authority should be able to buy land compulsorily to conserve its appearance—a power whose existence alone would tend to damage a relationship which is already too often strained. The Government have rightly rejected the proposal. Management agreements and reasonable compensation for the cost of being prevented from farming in the most efficient way are wiser means of enlisting the farmer's cooperation.

C and Portugal

m Mr Jorge Ribeiro

In his recent article ("Turbu- e over Portugal", January 9) ld Leigh appears to stumble the important question of ther the increase in the amount roadcasting to Portugal by the Portuguese Service did con- ite a "taking of sides in ugal".

is worth remembering that the before the Foreign Secretary, Callaghan, announced in the mons the increase—by half—of main BBC transmission time to ugal, on August 6, the Prime ster had told the Commons "the Western heads of Govern- t are mounting a formidable concerted campaign in support r Soares, the Socialist Party r" (*The Times*, August 6).

vid Leigh very rightly also s up the question of where the its of objectivity" must lie. ng worked for the BBC uguese Service for seven years, e being sacked, I am very well of the fallacies of "objec- broadcasting. When the cal storm breaks loose and the BBC "objectivity" is put to the test, the first casualty is the listener, and the main responsibility of a broadcaster is towards the listeners. Mr Mansell's charge in his letter ("BBC Portuguese Service", December 31) that those who now criticize the BBC "expect from the BBC support for their own revolutionary ideas and the omission of views with which they are not in sympathy" is an attempt to confuse this problem.

It is also an unsubstantiated slur on the professional name of two people who, for many years, have helped in no small way to build up the BBC's reputation in Portugal.

Yours faithfully,
JORGE RIBEIRO,
62 Forest Croft,
Taymount Rise, SE23.
January 11.

A critic of Cameroons

From Mr Clive Wake and Mr John Reed

Sir, The French Cameroonian author, M Alexandre Biyidi Awala, who writes under the pseudonym of Mongo Beti, is one of the most outstanding contemporary African novelists. His book *Mission Terminée* (translated into English as *Mission to Kala*) is something of a classic in the field.

In the fifties, Mongo Beti was bitterly critical of colonialism, and since independence he has been equally critical of President Ahidjo's administration and of what he believes to be France's continued involvement in the affairs of the Cameroons.

In 1972, François Maspero published his book *Main basse sur le Cameroun*, which was immediately seized by the French police. M Biyidi, who is an agrégé and has since 1959 held a post in French secondary education which is reserved for French nationals, now finds his French citizenship threatened. The suppression of his book did the French Government no credit whatsoever. Depriving M Biyidi of his French citizenship will surely only compound their folly.

Yours faithfully,
CLIVE WAKE,
JOHN REED,
23 River Court,
Chartham,
Canterbury,
Kent.
December 29.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Basis for Ulster government

From Mr David Trimble

Sir, There is much in your leader of January 7 that should be welcomed. The realization of the errors and follies of the Heath/Whitelaw Administration is particularly welcome. So also is your approach to the report of the Convention. It ought to be widely appreciated that the present Convention report must be treated as the stepping stone for any further developments and as the foundation for any further government in Ulster.

There is no other basic structure that can hope to meet the requirement of widespread acceptance, and those who encourage the SDLP (Social Democratic Labour Party) to believe that there should be a workable constitution which embodied a guarantee that that party would be permanently in government, have done this country a grave disservice.

However, you are right to say that it would be very difficult for the UUUC (United Ulster Unionist Council) structure to get off the ground at the present time, and it may require some form of wider coalition to build up confidence in the structures, to make them workable; and, if possible, to depolarize politics on the constitutional issue at least. But there are certain caveats that must be made about the suggestions in your leader. A wider coalition will be totally impossible unless and until there is a greater sense of reality and a higher degree of responsibility among the SDLP. Their present approach to a number of matters is quite unrealistic and the policing issue is just one of them.

Moreover the method of implementing such a structure you envisage has very grave disadvantages. The 1973 Constitution Act would be regarded as a completely unacceptable instrument and the number and scope of the amendments we would require are such as to make fresh legislation necessary. Also it is quite unrealistic to try to convert the Convention into a legislature. No party and no member of the Convention has the scintilla of a mandate for such a course and we have witnessed in the past the danger of trying to create institutions that do not have the indisputable authorization of the electorate.

In order to secure this we believe it will be necessary to have both a referendum and an election. As you say a referendum can be used to give exceptional authority or legitimacy to new institutions and as the proposed institutions will almost certainly be subjected to assault by extreme republicans such legitimacy will be necessary to give the first government the best possible moral authority to defeat them.

Yours faithfully,
D. TRIMBLE, Member,
Northern Ireland Convention,
Parliament Buildings,
Stormont, Belfast.
January 9.

London villages

From Mrs Eleanor Ransome

Sir, Dame Albertine Winner (article, January 7) is fortunate that her "London villages" are not slowly being eroded, as is ours. Only a few years ago Clarendon Cross could have provided the locals with all the day-to-day necessities of life, but this is no longer so.

The first of the little shops to go was old Mrs Histed's drapery—though it was much more than that even if it didn't quite live up to her claim that she could supply anything from a baby to an elephant—echoing the boast of William Whiteley, whose first delivery boy her husband had been. Later the corner hardware stores, which conveniently also sold top class coffee, gave way to an elegant showroom for ceramic tiles; and the conscientious though dilatory cobbler was succeeded by a girl selling her own prettily painted blinds. A butcher, a greengrocer, a dairy and two groceries have also disappeared. Instead we have oriental carpets, Indian dresses, yet another tile shop (Mexican this time) and a couple of those emporia half-way between antique and junk shops.

Interesting and colourful though these may all be, they cannot provide a meeting place for people of all sorts as do the half dozen surviving shops, always full of neighbourly gossip and friendly backchat. But how can these remaining small shopkeepers survive, with leases falling in and extortionate new rents demanded? For instance, what was once a general store has been converted into a private house recently advertised at £45,000.

Villages like ours are important for many reasons beyond the obvious one of convenience and there must be many such—not only in London but in large towns all over the country—suffering a similar change in character. Can anything be done to stop it? If so, what and by whom? I hope someone knows—or someone cares.

Yours sincerely,
ELEANOR RANSOME,
39 Lansdowne Road,
Holland Park, W11.
January 8.

Mistaken identity

From Mr Christopher Hampton

Sir, I think the moment may have come to clear up some questions of mistaken identity.

Much as I would have loved to play Hamlet for the National Youth Theatre, I, unlike Bernard Levin, have no memory of having done so, although I remain open to offers.

Furthermore, the Christopher Hampton who wrote you an eminently sensible letter about the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Southwark was not, as far as I know, a playwright; in spite of this he was abused for putting forward views not appropriate for a playwright to hold, an attack, which in addition to being bizarre in itself was extremely unfair to Mr Hampton.

Finally if Mr Levin wishes to chart my career more accurately in the future, he should report to this address any evening after February 5.

Yours,
CHRISTOPHER HAMPTON,
The English Stage Company Ltd,
The Royal Court Theatre,
Sloane Square, SW1.

Bishop's criticism of Concorde

From the Revd Canon Kenneth J. Clark

Sir, Many of us who have reached different conclusions about Concorde and its effect on the environment from those of the Bishop of Kingston are gravely concerned about the attacks that have been made on him for daring to express his views at the inquiry at Washington.

If a man, together with many other people, genuinely believes something to be harmful to his fellow human beings, is he to keep quiet about it because it happens to be British? Or does that very fact impose a greater responsibility upon him to make known his opinion and to seek to convince others as to its truth? The suggestion that the former is a more "patriotic" course devalues a noble word.

No less disturbing is Lord Boyd-Carpenter's assertion that all this is none of a bishop's business and that he ought to confine himself to "spiritual matters". What were Christians celebrating at Christmas if not the fact that God is involved in every part and aspect of human life, and that the distinction between the sacred and the secular is ultimately a false one? If Concorde's noise diminishes the quality of life of many people, as the Bishop believes it does, then he ought to say so. It is only if our bishops cease to care whether it does or it doesn't that we can accuse them of not doing their job properly.

Like most other Bristol people I hope that Concorde will be able to land in the United States. But like many other people who share that hope I find myself more embarrassed by the words of some of our supporters than by those of our opponents. I have always thought we have a good case; the fact that some people find it necessary to shout down those who disagree suggests that they themselves are not so sure about it.

Yours sincerely,
KENNETH CLARK,
The Vicarage,
10 Redcliffe Parade West,
Bristol.
January 12.

From Lord Boyd-Carpenter

Sir, Mr Sitwell, to judge from his tone, deliberately misses the point (letters, January 12). No one disputes the right of Dr Montefiore, or anyone else, to argue any case, however silly, at home. Or if he can to persuade the majority of electors that an Anglo-French investment in excess of £1,000m should be thrown away.

But what I, and I think many others, find objectionable is that he should go to the USA in order to try to persuade their authorities to refuse admission to this Anglo-French product, and thereby prevent its use on the most important route in the world.

Incidentally perhaps someone will break it to Mr Sitwell that "mandarins" are people of the highest intelligence and capacity. I thank him for a compliment which I fear may have been unintended.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
BOYD-CARPENTER,
House of Lords.
January 12.

From the Bishop of Manchester

Sir, I expect that the angry comments of Mr Kaufman and Lord Boyd-Carpenter on Bishop Montefiore's intervention in Washington will strike others less biassed by friendship than myself as distinctly cheap. Members of governments who dislike criticism from churchmen have always been great exponents of our spiritual duties. I seem to remember that Adolf Hitler and his colleagues were a prime example of this. But apart from the fact that I am not aware of any evidence that the Bishop of Kingston neglects his pastoral and spiritual duties in the Diocese of Southwark, may one ask what is the function of the national Church is, if it is not to concern itself with matters which affect the good of the community, and not merely of that minority which regularly supports the Church?

Rightly or wrongly (and I am not presuming to judge the merits of the anti-Concorde case, as advanced on this occasion), Bishop Montefiore believes this to be such a matter and has been appointed as the spokesman of people who agree with him. There are not many bishops who can equal either his courage in controversy or his knowledge of environmental problems, but while that may be a relief to politicians who dislike awkward questions, it is a matter of regret when we consider the service that the Church of England should render to the people of England.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK MANCHESTER,
Bishopscourt,
Bury New Road,
Manchester.
January 10.

From Canon John Austin Baker

Sir, Two points about the "Montefurore".

One: on the day that a public man tells a minister of religion to keep out of politics, *even though he agrees with him*, we may have respect for his point of view. Till then we shall continue to feel slightly queasy.

Two: I would rather have as my Father in God and spiritual leader against apathy someone who had the courage to give an unpopular interpretation of agreed facts because this seemed to him the true one, even though he must have known that his words would raise a howl of protest.

Yours sincerely,
J. A. BAKER,
3 Little Cloister, SW1.
January 11.

Overspill housing

From Professor Edgar A. Rose

Sir, There are many who must share Michael Harloe's dismay and concern (letter, January 7) at the decision of the Greater London Council to phase out their overspill agreements under the Town Development Act.

The report of the Panel of Inquiry into the Greater London Development Plan to which I was a signatory, recommended, inter alia, the establishment of a Strategic Housing Authority for the capital, in part because of the evidence of rapidly growing housing need and our concern that the then level of planned movement to new and expanding towns was minimal in relation to *unplanned* movements across the boundaries of the GLC area.

Nevertheless, as a proportion of *planned* public housing provision provided by GLC and the boroughs, the figure was more significant. As a contribution to helping families in housing need, even an annual provision of homes for 4,000 families is not to be sneezed at. If the figure could be doubled so much the better. If unskilled workers who had been ineligible for rehousing under the Industrial Selection scheme could now be given access to housing, the dangers of increasing social polarisation would at least be mitigated.

There is no evidence that GLC appreciates the need to assume strategic housing responsibilities or that its policy makers understand the need to provide homes for Londoners both beyond as well as within its boundaries. Unfortunately, GLC's negative decision, whilst quantitatively hardly likely to have more than a marginal effect on the outward movement of population, will make no positive qualitative contribution to the environment of London. It is likely to affect lower income families most severely, and limit still further the opportunities for those in greatest need to exercise a degree of choice in housing.

Despite the plethora of studies, there is no evidence that central government is now prepared to intervene decisively so that the necessary combined rescue operation is mounted in parts of inner London where social stress is highest and the physical fabric is threatened with premature obsolescence.

In the light of the evidence on London's housing conditions, the poor performance of housing programmes and the impasse which has evidently been reached over the development of the docklands, it is necessary to ask GLC to reconsider its decision. There should be positive encouragement for any measures taken outside as well as inside London to provide homes for people in need. Nothing that GLC has done on the housing front to date, nothing they are likely to do in the future, could justify a reduction in their commitment to provide homes within and beyond the boundaries. Such a "policy" is socially bankrupt, reflects a myopic approach to wider social and economic objectives and represents the antithesis of good planning in reducing choice for those least able to exercise it through the market.

Yours faithfully,
EDGAR A. ROSE, Head of the Department of Architectural,
Planning and Urban Studies,
University of Aston in Birmingham,
Gosta Green,
Birmingham.
January 9.

Bishop in Europe

From Dr J. E. Pinnington

Sir, The editorial idea of dubbing the future Anglican bishop "in Europe" as *Bishop of Rome* (January 9) was truly delicious. But seriously, the notion of having a non-diocesan bishop on the Continent with full episcopal powers is going back to the plain common sense of the first experiment of this kind and is a belated recognition of the pointlessness of all later attempts to create "European" dioceses—whether of Heligoland or Gibraltar.

In 1825 Matthew Henry Luscombe was consecrated at Stirling by Bishop Jolly of Moray. The consecration was the brainchild of W. F. Hook, a prophetic High Church critic of "establishment" thinking, for whom it was symbolic of the catholicity and ecumenicity of the Anglican Communion. Luscombe's letters of collation declared that he was sent to the Continent "not as a Diocesan Bishop in the modern or limited sense of the word, but for a purpose similar to that for which Titus was left by Paul in Crete, *that he may set in order the things that are wanting* among such of the natives of Great Britain and Ireland he shall find there professing to be members of the United Church of England and Ireland and the Episcopal Church of Scotland".

Luscombe's task was made impossible by the party factionalism which then plagued the Church of England and by the interference of a British Foreign Office which was insensitive to ecclesial conscience and jealous of its own control over expatriate Britons. (See my articles on *The Historical Magazine of the Protestant Episcopal Church*, 1969, and *Church History*, 1970.) After his death church leaders, thoroughly embarrassed, resorted to the "safer" but less consistent idea of a European "diocese" created by royal letters patent on the unlikely rock of Gibraltar. The effect was pastorally clumsy, showing up the shallowness of establishment thinking. It was also ecumenically damaging.

Since then the bonds between church and state have loosened, there has been a maturing of Anglican attitudes on ministry and the whole ecumenical climate has changed. The Gibraltar-Fulham system worked better than it deserved, not least in the hands of Bishop Satterthwaite. But surely there is no longer any need for such an expedient. Orthodox bishops in Britain do not take to themselves local titles and in this they are probably very wise. It is for indigenous churches only to carve up territory: what all bishops have in common is a "cure of *souls*".

Yours sincerely,
J. E. PINNINGTON,
10 Faircroft,
5 Westwood Hill,
Sydenham, SE26.
January 10.

Consulting Scots over the border

From Mr Adam Fergusson

Sir, In all the talk and print about devolving power to Scotland there occurs again and again the expression, or its like, "what the Scots want". There must be many Scots, or those who so regard themselves, like myself resident outside Scotland who are becoming increasingly uncomfortable and resentful about the part they are being allowed to play in an affair which is very close to their hearts. Quite apart from the millions who have emigrated permanently from the United Kingdom (forfeiting, I suppose, any claim to be consulted about constitutional changes in their homeland), I would judge their numbers to be very great. They range from the employees of Scottish firms, and their families, sent—as I was—to live over the border, to those who in the past have found work here when none was available in Scotland.

Many, as I do, return "home" regularly; and all, if compelled to describe themselves as anything but British, would certainly call themselves Scottish. My guess—for I do not know, and no one seems to have asked us—is that very few support the SNP's separatist aims, and that few enough care greatly for what has been described as "effective devolution". The unity and integrity of the United Kingdom is very much part of their emotional security. They do not want to be "exiled", or to risk finding one day that they cannot go home without a permit. They would not seek—indeed, could not ask for—any say in local government policy during their absence in other parts of the United Kingdom, any more than they would if they lived in other parts of the European Community: but they would regard fundamental constitutional change in Scotland as very much their concern.

Now, on the very eve of the publication of the White Paper on devolution, came David Steel, the Liberal MP for a border constituency, asserting (in *The Times* of last November 26) "the right of the Scottish people to determine their own future", and desiring a referendum which would be "a badly needed recognition of the sovereignty of the Scottish people". Just before Christmas (on December 17) there was your correspondent Geoffrey Smith holding forth about the right time "to ask the Scottish electorate if they wanted full independence", and speaking of "the settled conviction" of "the Scottish people".

This very day (January 12) the title of your first leader demands to know whether "the Scots" will ever be satisfied. I have not the slightest doubt that speaker after speaker in this week's debate will be carrying on in the same vein.

To whom are they referring? Whom do they include? Whom do they exclude? With what right? Where do I come in? Why should only "the Scottish electorate", which embraces a substantial proportion of Irish, Pakistanis, West Indians, and English, too, among its numbers, many of whom arrived only in the past few years, play a greater part in determining the future of Scotland than those x million native Scots or descendants of natives who took, and take, the Act of Union to mean what it said, and for whom, apparently, no one is speaking?

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
ADAM FERGUSSON,
9 Addison Crescent, W14.
January 12.

The Meehan case

From Lord Campbell of Croy

Sir, The review in your issue of January 8 on the new book *A Presumption of Innocence*, about the Meehan case, stated that the author "concludes that there can be only two reasons for the reluctance successive Scottish Secretaries of State have shown to reopen the case. Either there was still not the slightest doubt about Meehan's guilt or the Secretary of State was fearful of what such an inquiry might reveal".

There were only two Secretaries of State involved, the present incumbent and his predecessor—myself. As Home Secretary (amongst other things) for Scotland, I had to consider such cases and I was also responsible for the Scottish police. While I cannot speak of any developments since I left that office nearly two years ago, I shall examine the book at the earliest opportunity to see what comments there are, if any, where I am concerned. In the meantime I must immediately and categorically repudiate any suggestion that I was "fearful of what such an inquiry might reveal".

I have exercised the privilege of seeing again recently the papers on the case which came before me as the responsible Minister, in order fully to refresh my memory. It is clear that my decision was that no change had occurred in the situation since Meehan had been sentenced which would have warranted my taking further action in the case.

Yours faithfully,
CAMPBELL OF CROY,
House of Lords.
January 9.

Salome of Politics

From Mr John Peter

Sir, Poor Mr Edward Short ("Mrs Thatcher, 'Salome of Politics'", January 10) seems to have got terribly muddled. "Attempting to cover her nakedness of any alternatives by the use of flimsy veils"? I though Salome's alternatives, if that is the word, were all too clear. Learned opinion varies as to the number of veils involved, but there is no doubt that she was determined to remove them, one by one, in full public view, for a specific purpose, to wit, to have the head of Jokanaan. So successful was she that the holy man duly lost his head.

I suppose Mr Short is so terrified of what Mrs Thatcher might reveal any day now that he had momentarily lost his.

I am, Sir, yours, etc,
JOHN PETER,
117 Hornsey Lane N6.
January 10.

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SOCIAL NEWS

Princess Anne, president of the Save the Children Fund, will attend a fashion show and buffet supper at Badminton, Avon, on February 20.

The Duchess of Kent will visit the Furniture Show at Earls Court and present the Showpiece of the Year awards on February 9.

A book of condolence on the death of Chou En-lai will be open for signature at the Chinese Embassy, 31 Portland Place, London, W1, on Wednesday and Thursday *from 10 am to 5 pm.*

Birthdays today

Mr R. S. Addinsell, 72; Air Marshal Sir John Baker-Carr, 70; Major-General B. P. Hughes, 73; Major C. W. Hume, 90; Sir Alan Lubbock, 79; Lord MacAndrew, 88; Mr Oliver Messel, 72; Brigadier Sir Ralph Rayner, 79; Sir John O. Rennie, 62; Mr K. C. Turpin, 61; Lord Willis, 58.

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs John Disley was christened Sorrel Philippa Margaret by Father Gerald Moorcraft at Weedon on Saturday. The godparents are Major Joe Lassetter, Captain Donald Overton, Mrs Mike Churchill, and Mrs Alan Wells.

Queen Sophia of Spain (left), with her daughter, Elena, and son, Felipe, arrives at Heathrow on the way to Delhi. She had lunch with *exiled King Constantine of Greece and Queen Anne Marie (right).*

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. A. C. Watherston
and Mrs J. R. E. Atkinson

The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Sir David and Lady Watherston, of Harbury, Warwickshire, and Jane, wife of the late John Atkinson and second daughter of Mr and Mrs A. D. Chaytor, of Spennithorne, Yorkshire.

Mr G. J. Cole
and Miss S. M. Walker

The engagement is announced between Graham, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. T. Cole, Sydney, Australia, and Susan, second daughter of Dr and Mrs A. Percy Walker, Scotfield, Prestwick, Ayrshire.

Major J. A. Friend
and Mrs H. J. M. Bevan

The marriage will shortly take place between James Arthur Friend, of Northdale, St Ouen, Jersey, and Diana Rosemary Bevan, of 40 Carlyle Square, London, SW3, widow of Humphrey John Mackenzie Bevan and youngest daughter of Colonel Guy de Pass, DSO, OBE, and Mrs Guy de Pass.

Mr D. N. Jackson
and Miss C. J. Bosscher

The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Dr and Mrs Ian Jackson, Radlett, Hertfordshire, and Clémence, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. P. A. Bosscher, Haacht, Belgium.

Mr R. A. Payman
and Miss L. J. da Costa

The engagement is announced between Robert Alan Payman, ACA, of 3 Hampstead Heights, London N2, son of Mrs Hilda Payman, and the late Saul Payman, of 17 Leys Gardens, Cockfosters, Hertfordshire, and Linda Janet, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan da Costa, of Cornerways, 36 Grove End Road, London, NW8.

Mr M. J. Turner
Miss A. Thompson

The engagement is announced between Michael John, son of Mr and Mrs D. J. Turner, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. H. Thompson, of Bicknoller, Somerset.

Mr J. J. Visser
and Miss E. M. Walmsley

The forthcoming marriage is announced between Jacques, son of Mr and Mrs J. Visser, of Holland, and Eleanor, daughter of Mr and Mrs B. G. Walmsley, of Hutton, Essex. The marriage will take place on January 17 at St Joseph's Church, Hutton.

Dr J. W. S. Sheldon
and Miss M. A. Sheffield

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, eldest son of Dr D. W. S. Sheldon and Mrs Sheldon, late of Repton, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. *Sheffield, of The Rookery, Bromleys Road, Coalville.*

Mr C. M. H. Colchester
and Dr S. L. P. North

The engagement is announced between Charles, second son of the Rev Halsey and Mrs Colchester, of Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire, and Serena, daughter of the Hon John M. W. North, of Wickhambreaux, Kent, and Mrs Polly Peabody Drysdale, of Ormonde Gate, London, SW3.

Mr R. Dodd
and Miss B. M. Jerrat

The engagement is announced between Robin, only son of Mr and Mrs R. E. Dodd, of Friar's Elm, Ranmore, near Dorking, Surrey, and Barbara, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. W. Jerrat, of East Fremantle, Western Australia.

Mr R. J. C. Gillett
and Miss C. E. Heath

The engagement is announced between Robert John Chetwynd, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Gillett, of Gulworthy Farm, Tavistock, Devon, and Clare Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Gordon Heath, of Taviton Mill *House, Tavistock, Devon.*

Mr J. Kemp
and Miss E. D. M. Major

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, second son of Mr and Mrs Paul Kemp, of Burnhill Green, near Wolverhampton, and Elizabeth, only daughter of the late Mr William Major and Mrs Diana Major, of Eagles Crag, Port Hill, Shrewsbury.

Dr J. E. Marrett
and Mrs I. G. Wickes

The engagement is announced between John Eric Marrett, of Clare House, Sandon, Essex, husband of the late June Marrett (nee Patterson) and youngest son of the late Dr and Mrs Norman Marrett, and Monica Frances Wickes, of Greenacre Farm, Stock, Essex, wife of the late Dr Ian Goodson Wickes and younger daugter of the late Dr Mervyn Thomson and of Mrs Hubert Essame, and stepdaughter of Major-General Hubert Essame.

Mr H. J. Meadows
and Miss V. L. Marr

The engagement is announced between Henry Jeremy, younger son of Commander Henry T. Meadows, DSC, RD, RNR(Retd), and Dr J. Meadows, of Palm-Mar, Tenerife, formerly of Dungeons Farm, Chorley Wood, Hertfordshire, and Victoria Lynn, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur L. Marr, of Birney Wood, Throckley, Northumberland.

Marriages

Mr K. Hayes
and Mrs G. O'Connor

The marriage took place quietly in London on January 10, 1976, between Mr Kevin Hayes and Mrs Minta O'Connor, widow of Gerard O'Connor.

Mr W. Wessels
and Miss E. Thomas

The marriage took place in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on December 29 between Mr Walter Wessels, of Baltimore, and Miss Elizabeth Thomas, of Lowenac, Camborne, Cornwall.

University news

Cambridge

CHURCHILL COLLEGE: Miss C. Gee, house mistress and classics teacher, Benenden School, has been elected into *a schoolmistress fellow commonership* for Lent term.

PEMBROKE COLLEGE: Arberry Memorial Prizes have been awarded to S. Somekh and S. Hafez.

SELWYN COLLEGE: S. P. R. Adams, Cheltenham College, has been elected into a choral exhibition.

St Andrews

Mr A. G. Mackenzie, MA (Glasgow), librarian and director of the library research unit, Lancaster University, has been appointed librarian from October 1.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Professor Sir Ernst Gombrich to be a member of the Standing Commission on Museums and Galleries, to represent the Tate, National and National Portrait Galleries in succession to Mr S. C. Mason; and Professor B. R. Morris to be an independent member of the commission, in succession to Lord Halsbury.

Sir Jocelyn Bodilly to be a chairman of Industrial Tribunals for London from January 12; and Mr Harold Wilson to be a chairman for Birmingham from January 19.

Prospective candidate

Mr Francis Butler, leader of Sheffield City Council's Liberal group, to be prospective Liberal candidate for Sheffield, Park. At the general election Mr F. W. Mulley (Lab) had a 23,964 majority over Mr Butler in a four-cornered fight.

Harrow School

The Spring Term at Harrow begins today. A. P. C. Fuggle (Moretons) is head of the school. Founder's Day will be celebrated on Saturday, March 13. The commemoration service in chapel will take place at 5.45 pm, and an Old Harrovian supper party will be held in the evening. A performance of Mozart's *Requiem* will be given on Friday, March 19. Term ends on Tuesday, *March 23.*

Westminster School

The Lent Term begins today. Mr Michael Brown rejoins the staff this term. S. M. St J. Alexander is captain of the school. The Tizard Lecture will be given on *March 2* by Professor Steven Rose on The Chemistry of the Mind. The school concert, to be given in the abbey on March 15, will consist of Bach's E Major Violin Concerto and Parts II and III of the *Messiah*, to be sung by boys, parents and friends. The Confirmation Service will be taken by the Right Rev Launcelot Fleming, Dean of Windsor, on March 17. Term ends on March 20.

Taunton School

Term starts today. Mr A. Higgs and Mr J. Oakshatt join the staff. S. Trevelyan (Fairwater House) is the new head of school. The Confirmation Service will be on Sunday, March 28, and will be taken by the Bishop of Bath and Wells. Term ends on Monday, March 29.

Kelly College

The Easter Term begins today. Mr J. H. Duff has been appointed Housemaster of Conway House, a new boarding house for 65 boys, named after HMS Conway and built as part of an expansion programme to celebrate the centenary in 1977. The Rev A. B. Curry, organ and modern languages scholar of St Edmund Hall, Oxford, has been appointed Director of Music.

Women's bridge upset

There was an upset in the women's teams-of-four championship organized by the English *Bridge Union* at Eastbourne at the weekend (our Bridge Correspondent writes). In the final Miss I. Ashcroft's unseeded team beat the holders and European champions, captained by Mrs S. Landy, in a narrowly contested match. In the quarter-finals Miss Ashcroft beat another seeded team, captained by Mrs Rixi Markus, the world champion, whose Anglo-French combination went on to win the plate.

Results:

Quarter-finals: Mrs S. Landy beat Miss S. Eggell, 67-50; Miss I. Ashcroft beat Mrs R. Markus, 68-61; Mrs K. Coward beat Mrs J. Ryan, 70-59; Mrs G. S. *Francis beat Mrs R. A. Harris,* 68-53. Semi-finals: Miss I. Ashcroft beat Mrs G. S. Francis, 71-63; Mrs S. Landy beat Mrs K. Coward, 91-18. Final: Miss I. Ashcroft, Mrs A. E. Hirst, Mrs P. M. Williams, Mrs G. C. H. Fox beat Mrs S. Landy, Miss N. Gardener, Mrs R. Oldroyd, Mrs M. Esterson, by 68-61.

In the play-off for third place Mrs G. S. Francis, Mrs P. D. Austwick, Mrs W. W. Brown, Mrs R. C. Williams beat *Mrs K. Coward*, Dr D. M. Stone, Mrs G. Roberts, Mrs J. Davies. Ladies' [illegible]: 1, Mrs R. Markus, Mrs G. Durran, Mrs G. Grand-Buinflot, Mrs G. Horney, 123; 2, Mrs M. H. Townsend, Mrs P. Harthill, Mrs R. Jessop, Mrs J. Parr, 109.

Dances and cocktail parties, 1976

A list of some of the dances and cocktail parties arranged to take place during 1976 will be published on March 1. It will be revised and repeated on May 3 *and July 5. The charge for inclusion* in one list will be £6, in two lists £7 and in three £8. Inquiries should be made to Court and Social Advertising, *The Times*, PO Box 7, New Printing House Square, Gray's Inn Road, London, WC1X 8EZ (telephone 01-837 1234, *extension 7363*).

Clockmakers' Company

At an audit court held yesterday at Goldsmiths' Hall, Alderman Sir Hugh Wontner was installed as *Master of the Clockmakers' Company* for the ensuing year and Mr R. Gowan Beloe, Mr J. S. Vine and Mr E. W. H. Christie were installed as wardens.

Royal salute

A royal salute of 62 guns to mark the anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne will be fired from the Tower Saluting Base at 1 pm on February 6 by 3 Squadron Honourable Artillery Company.

Today's engagements

British Theatre Museum, Leighton House, 12 Holland Park Road, 11-5.

Lunchtime talk: Money and morality, by Mr David Malbert, *City editor, Evening Standard*, St Lawrence Jewry, Guildhall, 1.15.

Lunchtime music: Peter Wallfisch on piano, City Music Society, Bishopsgate Hall, 1.05-1.50.

Memorial services: Sir Dallas *Bernard*, St Michael's, Cornhill, 12; Mr Maurice Edelman, MP, Marble Arch Synagogue, Great Cumberland Place, 6.30.

Luncheons

HM Government

Lord Winterbottom was host at a luncheon at the Savoy Hotel yesterday in honour of the Papua New Guinea National Investment and Development Mission led by the Minister for Labour, Commerce and Industry.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Mr J. A. E. Morgan, Counsellor at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, was host yesterday at a luncheon at the Savoy Hotel in honour of Mr George M. White, architect of the Capitol, Washington, and Mrs White, Mr Michael Reed, legislative assistant to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Mrs English, administrative assistant to the Speaker, and Mr English, in connexion with the loan of Magna Carta to the United States for the bicentennial celebrations. Among others present were:

Mr D. T. Richnell, Mr D. H. Turner, Miss J. H. Beckhouse, Mr T. Williams, Mr G. Hughes, Mr Michael Pistor and Mr and Mrs Lewis-Osman.

Pilgrims

The executive committee of the Pilgrims of Great Britain gave a luncheon yesterday at the Savoy Hotel to bid farewell to Mr Elliot Richardson, the American Ambassador. Lord Harlech was in the chair, and among those present were:

Mr Ronald I. Spiers, Minister, American Embassy, Viscount Harcourt, Lord Astor of Hever, Lord Sherfield, Lord Gore-Booth, Lord Mowbray and Stourton, Sir Derek Greenaway, Sir Denis Hamilton, Sir Carl Aarvold, Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Constantine, Sir Archibald Forbes, Sir Jasper Hollom, Lieutenant-Colonel S. W. Chant-Sempill, Mr John Corbett, Mr Brian Connell, Mr Simon Kinnuins, Mr Robert Sigmon, Mr William Channing, Mr Keith Batchelor, Mr Ivor Binney, Mr Peter Bowring, Mr Peter du Sautoy, and Mr Peter Wilson.

Dinner

Feltmakers' Company

The master's dinner of the Feltmakers' Company, traditionally held on Plow Monday, took place last night at Tallow Chandlers' Hall. The Master, Mr C. W. James, presided. The principal guests were Mr Alderman and Sheriff Kenneth Cork, Mr Sheriff R. A. R. Hedderwick, Alderman Sir Hugh Wontner, and the Masters of the Haberdashers' and *Butchers' Companies.*

Service dinner

Headquarters Second Allied Tactical Air Force

The Commander, Second Allied *Tactical Air Force, Air Marshal* Sir Nigel Maynard, was the guest of honour at a guest night held yesterday evening at the Headquarters, RAF Germany Officers' Mess, on the occasion of his departure from the Second Allied Tactical Air Force. The Chief of *Staff, Second Allied Tactical Air* Force, Major-General R. Cescotti, was present, and Air Commodore C. Gaiger Broad presided.

25 years ago

From The Times of Friday, January 12, 1951

Brabazon's future

From Our Aeronautical Correspondent

The Government have decided that no production order will be given for the 130-ton Bristol Brabazon, the world's largest airliner. Only the two prototypes will be made, and these will be used for research purposes. The total cost of the Brabazon project—the two prototypes, the special runway, and the exceptionally large assembly hall at Filton Airport, Bristol—is about £12m.

The reason for the decision is understood to be the Government's belief that the Brabazon would be uneconomic as a commercial aircraft.

A long time has necessarily been occupied in developing a machine of this size. . . . Aeronautical progress has been so rapid that other new types, such as the Comet, are now regarded as being more suitable for British trunk routes.

*Readers who wish to see the full version of this or other reports in the series are reminded that microfilm copies of *The Times* are available in many public libraries in Britain and abroad.*

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before duty paid; duty not disclosed):

Albery, Mr Michael James, QC, of Bayswater, London, barrister £101,170

Riddell, Mr John, of Tunbridge Wells, company director £232,045

Goldsbrough, Mr John Barrie, of Ripon, garage proprietor £103,313

Sankey, Mr Joshua Richard, of Elmswell, Suffolk, farmer £141,793

OBITUARY

DAME AGATHA CHRISTIE

A subtle narrative gift

Photograph by Snowdon

Dame Agatha Christie, DBE, died yesterday at the age of 85. She belonged to the great period of English detective fiction. Her work typified the *genre*, and, after Dorothy Sayers died, she was recognized as the undoubted queen of her profession.

The popularity of her books not only survived into an era when other crime writers had abandoned detection and were trading in sex and violence, but continued to grow. According to a Unesco report, she was the most widely read British author in the world, with translations into 103 languages—14 more than Shakespeare. Her principal detectives, Poirot and Miss Marple, hold a secure place on the roll of classic sleuths which is headed by Sherlock Holmes.

She was born in September, 1890, at Torquay, the youngest daughter of Frederick Alvah Miller, an American from New York. "My father", she recalled, "was a gentleman of substance, and never did a handsturn in his life, and he was a most agreeable man". She received little or no formal education, but was brought up in a house full of books and by a mother who encouraged her to read and tell stories. Further encouragement came from Eden *Phillpotts, who was a neighbour.* When she was 16, she went to Paris to be trained as a singer, but found her voice not strong enough for opera or the concert platform. She wrote some poems and "rather gloomy *stories of unrequited love.*".

In 1914 she married Archibald Christie (later Colonel Archibald Christie, CMG, DSO). While he was in France, she did VAD work at a local hospital and qualified as a dispenser. Her first detective story, *The Mysterious Affair at Styles* (1920), not only utilized her knowledge of poisons but introduced Hercule Poirot, with his egg-shaped head, comically broken English and his reliance on "the little grey cells", who *was based on* Belgian refugees she had met. The book enjoyed a modest success, but it was her seventh novel, *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* (1926), which brought fame. In that same year a curious episode occurred: she vanished from her Surrey home, and was found 10 days later, after a nationwide search, staying under a false name in an hotel at Harrogate, apparently suffering from amnesia.

She divorced Colonel Christie in 1928. Left with a daughter to educate, she began to write seriously, and to travel. Two years later, while visiting Sir Leonard Woolley in Iraq, she met another archaeologist, Max Mallowan, now Sir Max Mallowan, CBE, Emeritus Professor of Western Asiatic Archaeology in the University of London. They were married almost at once, and she subsequently accompanied him on many of his expeditions to the Middle East, learning to help with photography and the piecing together of shards. Several of her detective stories had a Middle Eastern background, and one, *Death Comes As The End* (1945), was set in Ancient Egypt.

Although she continued to write about Hercule Poirot—*Murder on the Orient Express* (1934) and *The ABC Murders* (1936) were *tours de force* to equal *Roger Ackroyd*—largely because her readers insisted, *she came to think him too artificial* a character and she totally discarded the Watson-figure of Captain Hastings. She preferred, and increasingly used, Miss Marple, the inquisitive spinster from *Murder at the Vicarage* (1930), who found the solution to all mysteries in *her experience* of human behaviour in an English village.

Mrs Christie (as she continued to call herself for professional purposes) also wrote, more or less for her own pleasure, a series of "straight" novels under the strictly guarded pseudonym of "Mary Westmacott", but year after year, throughout the Second World War and the decades which followed, her detective stories continued to be, and usually deserved to be, best sellers. Her style scarcely changed and her inventiveness showed little decline: *Mrs McGinty's Dead* (1952), *4.50 from Paddington* (1957) and *At Bertram's Hotel* (1965) are every bit as good as *Cards on the Table* (1936) or *The Moving Finger* (1943). Her occasional experiments with different formulae, as in *Endless Night* (1967) and *Passenger to Frankfurt* (1970), were perhaps not altogether happy, but her public bought them as enthusiastically as ever and they did serve to demonstrate her continued alertness to social trends and quirks.

Meanwhile she continued, almost to the end, to publish prolifically with *Nemesis* (1971); *Elephants Can Remember* (1972); *Akhnaton* (1973), a play written in 1937 which had remained unpublished and which she did not intend to be staged; *Poems* (1973); *Postern of Fate* (1973); *Poirot's Early Cases* (1974), and a final salute to her detective hero Poirot entitled *Curtain*, which she had written during the Second World War intending it for posthumous publication, but in *fact releasing it in 1975.*

She had achieved spectacular success in another field. The stage adaptations of several of her early books (including one of *Roger Ackroyd* with Charles Laughton playing Poirot) had dissatisfied her; so, in 1943, she made her own dramatization of *Ten Little Niggers*, and followed it with a series of other plays, culminating in *The Mousetrap* (1952) with its fantastic London run (at her death it is at the St Martin's Theatre in the 24th year of its world record breaking course) and *Witness for the Prosecution* (1935), the film rights of which were brought by Hollywood for what was then the record price of £116,000.

She never cared much for the *cinema*, or for wireless and television (though *The Mousetrap* was originally a short radio play, written at the special request of Queen Mary). The famous stage play, *Love from a Stranger* (1936), taken from one of her short stories, was filmed twice, however, and there was a series of adaptations for the screen with Margaret Rutherford as Miss Marple, notably *4.50 from Paddington*. *Witness for the Prosecution* was also a notable box office success and, more recently, *Murder on the Orient Express* was launched with a host of stars including Ingrid Bergman, Lauren Bacall and Albert Finney.

Dame Agatha's private pleasures were gardening—she won local prizes for horticulture—and buying furniture for her various houses. She was a shy person: she disliked public appearances: but she was friendly and sharp-witted to meet. By inclination as well as breeding she belonged to the English upper middle-class. She wrote about, and for, people like herself. That was an essential part of her charm.

She was not, in fact, a particularly good writer, certainly not the equal of Dorothy Sayers. But she had a real and subtle narrative gift. Her stories could be gulped down as smoothly and pleasantly as cream. Her handling of the plot-structures, too, was very skilful. She brought a peculiarly English form to its perfect, and perfectly English, flowering. She was, beyond question, one of the half-dozen best detective story writers in the world.

She was created CBE in 1956, and advanced to DBE in 1971.

SIR ROBERT HUTCHINGS

Sir Robert Hutchings, KCIE, CMG, who died on January 8 at the age of 78, was a member of the Indian Civil Service in the closing years of British rule, and in connexion with the great famine in Bengal in 1943-44 became a leading authority on the food problems of the subcontinent.

Robert Howell, son of Charles Robert Hutchings, was born on March 11, 1897. From St Paul's School he went to Trinity College, Oxford. From 1915-19 *he did war service almost* entirely in France in the SWB and Welch Regiment. In 1920 he joined the ICS and was posted to Bengal; in 1924 he was made Under Secretary in the Political and Appointments Department.

After varied experience, including service under Sir Stanley Jackson and Sir John Anderson (later Lord Waverley) he was appointed joint Secretary of the Home Department, Calcutta, in 1937.

When the Second World War began Burma had been separated from India for more than two and a half years, and Hutchings was selected to be Agent to the Government of India in Rangoon. The Japanese invasion in 1941-42 was a time of grave anxiety for the Representative of India, as the great trek to that country, especially of the large Indian community, was carried out under conditions of *much suffering and privation.* Hutchings returned to Delhi in 1942 as Additional Secretary in the War Department. Within a few months he was made Secretary of the newly created Food Department, established in connexion with the serious famine in Bengal. It was estimated that no less than 1,500,000 persons died in the province as a direct result of famine conditions and the epidemics which ensued. The calamity was the subject of close investigation by a commission under the chairmanship of Hutchings' old friend and Bengal colleague Sir John Woodhead. Hutchings came home for consultation with the India Office and secured some help from food manufacturing firms. In the short lived Caretaker Government at Delhi set up by the late Lord Wavell, then Viceroy, Hutchings held the Food Portfolio. On retirement when power was transferred he *accepted an invitation to join* the board of Glaxo Laboratories Ltd. He became a valued member of the general committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society and was its chairman from 1962 to 1965.

He married in 1925 Irene Millicent, daughter of Rev A. Willifer Young. They had three sons. His wife died in 1953 and he married secondly Lydia, daughter of J. H. Lightburn.

Sir Stanley Whitehead, the Speaker of the New Zealand Parliament during the former Labour Government's period of office, died on January 9 at the age of 68.

Lady Burton, widow of Sir Geoffrey Burton, sometime managing director of BSA, died on January 7. She was Irene Viola, daughter of T. E. Donne, and she was married in 1926. Her husband died in 1954.

Mr Harold Robert Gough, who died on December 27 at the age of 86, was president of the British-American Tobacco Company from 1950-60 and was a former chairman of the company.

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Inner London Crown Court

Order for legal aid in criminal proceedings retrospective

Regina v Tullett
Before Judge Rubin
[Judgment delivered January 8]

A Crown Court has power to grant an order for legal aid at any stage before completion of criminal proceedings. The effect of such an order may be to cover the costs from the commencement of proceedings, as long as such costs have not already been paid, and fees which became payable and disbursements made before the order should be allowed so long as they are payable or incurred for or in connexion with the proceedings to which the order relates. The application for legal aid is part of the trial, and fees should be allowed *accordingly.*

His Honour so held when allowing an application for legal aid made at the conclusion of his trial by the defendant, George William Tullett.

Section 28(7) of the Legal Aid Act, 1974, provides: "Where a person is committed to or appears before the Crown Court for trial or sentence, or appears or is brought before the Crown Court to be dealt with, the court which commits him or the Crown Court may order that he shall be given legal aid for the purpose of the trial or other proceedings before the Crown Court."

Mr J. L. Foy and Mr J. H. Reddihough for the applicant; Mr R. C. Watt for the Metropolitan Police.

JUDGE RUBIN said that the applicant was committed for trial on an indictment containing two counts of driving while disqualified. He was not granted legal aid by the magistrates' court. He completed a form of application for legal aid, but due to a mistake in his solicitors' office the form was never submitted to the magistrates. The matter came for trial before his Honour on September 26, 1975. Before the trial started the applicant's solicitors went to the appropriate office to seek legal aid but were told to apply to the trial judge. On the applicant being arraigned he pleaded guilty to both counts. It appeared that after the expiration of three months of his disqualification for three years, he had been informed by the new licensing centre at Swansea that he was entitled to apply for a new licence, and a licence had been granted to him. He was granted an absolute discharge on both counts.

At the conclusion of the trial Mr Foy asked for an order granting legal aid for his trial. Had an application been made before or at the start of the trial an order would have been granted, subject to an assessment of the applicant's means.

The Metropolitan Police Solici*tor had been persuaded to instruct* counsel to put before the court the case for protecting the legal aid fund. In civil cases the Law Society instructed counsel to protect the fund, but in criminal cases no one appeared to have such a duty.

The powers of the court were regulated by the Legal Aid Act, 1974, and the regulations made under or adopted by the Act. In the case of legal aid for civil litigation, aid started with the grant of the certificate, and not before, but there were provisions for the grant of emergency certificates.

However, the provisions of the civil scheme administered by the Law Society were different from those of the scheme applicable to criminal cases administered by the courts; under Part 2 of the Act, legal aid in criminal proceedings was granted not by way of certificate, but by an order. Such an order could be made orally by the judge in open court. It could also be made by the appropriate officer of the court without a hearing in open court.

Section 28 contained a long list of proceedings for which legal aid might be granted, and specified the court or courts having power to make the order. In his Honour's judgment the theme which ran through that section was that the power vested in a court to make an order for legal aid arose when the court became seised of the proceedings and continued as long as it remained seised. Mr Watt argued that the power ceased to exist once the proceedings had commenced, and that the power given to the court by section 28(7), if it were to be exercised at all, must be exercised before the proceedings *to which it related had* commenced. In the case of a trial, it was argued, the power was only exercisable before arraignment.

It was difficult, on the language of the subsection, to justify such a limitation on the power. Clearly, in most cases, legal aid would be sought and granted before the commencement of the effective hearing, but that was not necessarily always the case. It was not unknown for a defendant in the course of a trial to find himself in financial trouble and then to seek aid. It was also not uncommon for a defendant to conduct his own defence until conviction. *At that stage, if the court* were contemplating a custodial sentence, assistance of counsel might be most desirable. If Mr Watt were right, in neither of those cases could legal aid be granted in the Crown Court.

Further, under section 29(1), a section dealing with the circumstances in which legal aid might be ordered, the power was to be exercised "where it appears to the court desirable to do so in the interests of justice". That might only appear to a trial judge after the commencement of the trial. Finally, section 29(6) required that where a doubt arose as to whether a legal aid order should be made, that doubt should be resolved in the defendant's favour.

For those reasons his Honour was unable to accept that the power was so limited, and in his judgment it remained exercisable in the case of a committal for trial until the final conclusion of that trial. Further, where an application for legal aid was made before or during a trial or proceeding, that trial or proceeding remained before the court and ought not to be treated as concluded for the purposes of the Legal Aid Act until that application had been determined by the making or refusal of an order.

As to the effect of an order made after the start of a trial, section 28 was drafted on the basis that an order, when made, was an order *in respect of a* "proceeding", whether that proceeding were a trial, a committal for sentence, an appeal, or some other proceeding. That conclusion received support in particular from section 37(2), which provided that, subject to the regulations, *the costs should include* sums on account of the fees payable to any counsel or solicitor assigned to him and any disbursements reasonably incurred by any such solicitor for, or in connexion with, the proceedings.

As far as such fees were concerned, they were qualified by the word "payable", which meant that they must remain payable at the time of taxation.

Accordingly, in a case where a defendant had been able to pay the fees of his counsel and solicitor for part of the trial, those fees so paid by him would not be payable again out of the legal aid fund. Further, a disbursement *incurred by the solicitor would* have to retain that character at the time of taxation and it would cease to be a disbursement if the solicitor had recovered the sum disbursed from his own client or from someone else before taxation.

Once the order was made, what was payable under the order had to be determined by the proper officer of the court or the taxing master, but they had no power to allow, under section 37(2), any sums on account of fees which had been paid, or in respect of discharged disbursements; but there was no reason why fees *which became payable before that* date should not be allowed, so long as they were payable or incurred for, or in connexion with, the proceedings to which the order related.

Under section 29, in cases of committal for trial on a charge of murder, and appeals by prosecutors to the Court of Appeal, the court was bound to make a legal aid order. In all other cases the order should be made where it appeared to the court desirable to do so in the interests of justice. Where an application was made late in the day, and in particular where the delay was due to some neglect on the part of the defendant's solicitor to make the application in due time, that *might be a factor* which the court could and ought properly to take into account in the exercise of the discretion. How much weight should be given to that factor in any particular case must depend on the circumstances of that case.

In the present case the order sought should be made, subject to the statement of the applicant's means being considered by the proper officer. When the bill came to be taxed, it would be a matter for the proper officer or the taxing master to determine what fees and disbursements to allow, but it would be proper to allow the fees referable to the hearing of the present application on the basis that the application was part of the trial which would not come to an end until the final disposal of the application.

Solicitors: Hudgell, Yeates & Co; Solicitor, Metropolitan Police.

Hotel guests' liability for bill

Regina v Nordeng

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Stephenson, Mr Justice MacKenna and Mr Justice Jupp) certified that points of law of general public importance were involved in their decision relating to hotel guests being liable for the bill (*The Times*, December 2).

The certified questions were: (1) Where a person falsely pretends that a hotel bill for accommodation, food and services for him will be paid by another and thereby induces the hotel management to provide them for him and to look to that other for payment of the bill, is the obligation to pay for them a debt for which he makes himself personally liable within section 16(2)(a) of the Theft Act, 1968? (2) Where a person falsely pretends that a hotel bill for accommodation, food and services provided for him will be paid at the conclusion of his stay and thereby induces the hotel management not to *require payment until the conclusion* of his stay, is that debt evaded or deferred or both evaded and deferred within section 16(2)(a)?

Their Lordships refused leave to appeal and also an application for legal aid to petition the House of Lords for leave to appeal.

Tribute to usher

When Lord Denning took his seat in the Court of Appeal he referred to the death during the *vacation of Mr Charles Hilton*, the court's senior usher for the past 12 years. His Lordship said that the way Mr Hilton had carried out his duties had been a great help in the smooth running of the court.

Science report

Oceanography: Documenting sediments

Some of the sediments on land and under the shallow water of the continental shelf will redistribute themselves, over long periods, under the deep ocean in very thin layers. That takes place by a remarkable mechanism called turbidity currents. Recent research, by Professor F. P. Shephard and his colleagues at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, San Diego, California, gives some new insight into the mechanism by which that transport takes place.

Cores taken in sediments beneath the deep ocean generally show organic remains, deposited from the water above, interleaved with layers, typically a centimetre or so thick, of material which originated in shallow water or on land. Those layers of so-called turbidites can often be correlated over distances of hundreds of kilometres and seem to have been distributed very rapidly over a wide region. It is thought that a thick suspension of sediments in water forms on occasion and this muddy liquid, heavier than normal seawater, runs down even very shallow slopes, leaving a thin deposit of turbidites in the regions over which it has passed.

There have been dramatic examples of turbidity currents. An earthquake off Newfoundland in 1928 caused the slumping of sediments on the continental margin and the associated flow that followed reached speeds of 75 kilometres per hour (that was determined by reports of the delays in breakages of transatlantic cables).

Not all turbidity currents are that spectacular. There is probably a regular succession of them on a small scale as the land sediments deposited at the mouths of rivers disperse themselves into deeper water. What Professor Shephard and his colleague have been able to do is to document one such small current rather well. They have been working in the delta offshore from the Rio Balsas, a Mexican river that flows into the Pacific.

The delta is cut by numerous canyons, and on the floor of one of these, a current meter was installed. When there was little swell running the currents were randomly up and down the canyon, and the water velocity rarely exceeded 20 centimetres per second. During the experiment however, a heavy swell developed, bringing in high waves. At the first high tide with the swell running, outflowing current of 50 centimetres per second was recorded. That pulse lasted about an hour and then activity returned to normal for about 14 hours. Then there were six more large current pulses, each lasting about an hour and separated by about an hour from its neighbour. The flow was consistently down the canyon. The sequence stopped abruptly at high tide; by the next high tide the swell had abated and there were no more pulses. When the current meter was brought in, its case was coated with fine sand and silt.

It seems likely that the swell produced an uneven build-up of water along the shore with a resulting propensity for there to be a return current down the canyons. At the same time sediment at the canyon-heads may have been raised into suspension by wave action. The tide then switches the system on and off: as it rises, a periodic outflow starts, as it falls, the pulsating currents stop.

The way in which wind, waves and sediment interact is undoubtedly immensely complicated, depending on the geography of specific shorelines. What this experiment shows on a small scale, however, is that it may be possible to relate sediment redistribution in a general way to easily observable quantities like swells and tides.

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THE ARTS

Above, left, El Greco: Annunciation, and, right, Greave, silver and gold, part of the Vratsa treasure, 380-350 BC. Top, Sanchez Cotan: Still Life

Golden ages in Thrace and Spain

Big national exhibitions like *The Golden Age of Spanish Painting* at the Royal Academy and *Thracian Treasures from Bulgaria* at the British Museum are more than just large collections of works of art; they attempt to link a country's past with its present. And this inevitably affects the way we look at them.

Although the Spanish exhibition was originally planned 18 months ago, the death of General Franco and the restoration of the monarchy under King Juan Carlos cannot be out of the spectator's mind at an exhibition where Velasquez's portraits of the Spanish royal family occupy so important a place. Similarly the desire of Bulgaria, which has been continually dominated by larger and more powerful neighbours, to link its national pride to the ancient and independent civilization of Thrace (like the Romanians with the Dacians) gives to the Thracian exhibition a particular significance.

Yet it is not so much this, as the lure of gold, which is drawing the huge crowds to the British Museum. The fact that many of, but by no means all, the works are made of gold is not unimportant, but it is irrelevant to the real quality of the work which lies in a vital ornamentation of useful or symbolic objects and vessels. The achievement of the Thracians was the elaboration of a visual language which speaks to us of a civilization which clearly had strong positive qualities but which had no written languages in which its traces might be preserved against time.

On the edge of Europe and Asia, the Thracians were surrounded by different and often more sophisticated cultures, but they managed to preserve their independence and identity until the Romans subjected them. The Greeks both feared and took from them: most notably the myth of Orpheus. The Thracians welcomed death and lamented the hard fate of the new-born. The Greeks were both repelled and fascinated by a world-view so different from their own.

Thracian artifacts, from the neolithic to the Roman period, are marked by a generous fullness of form and a highly developed feeling for the relationship between three-dimensional volume and the linear pattern of ornamentation. No doubt this was because the objects and artifacts were for use—whether a warrior's greave or a drinking vessel for some Orphic ritual—not purely decorative.

The "golden age" of Spain was very different from the Thracian age of gold. It must have been closer in many ways to the civilizations of south and central America which the Spaniards of the golden age overthrew, civilizations in which gold also played an important part. And Spain, as an imperial power, was closer to the Rome which conquered the Thracians.

The Spain of the golden age was becoming a centralized society administering a vast empire overseas; but, like many such imperialist societies, subjected to financial crises, inflation and, at times, massive unemployment at home, as Professor Nigel Glendinning points out in his informative catalogue introduction. These pressures can be felt, but not discerned directly, in the work displayed at the Academy. Although increasingly centralized politically, culturally Spain was still a country with many centres, each with its particular character: Seville, Madrid, Valencia, Barcelona, Granada. And besides being an age of colonial acquisition and plunder, it was one of intense spirituality and mysticism: the age of St Theresa of Avila and St John of the Cross.

These contradictions or seeming contradictions contributed to the particular quality of Spanish painting, a combination of incense realism with religious fervour. Here El Greco is the exception, in realism, although not in fervour. The paintings by El Greco at the Academy are the highlight of the exhibition. The astounding composition and vigorous mannerism of *Purification of the Temple* and the *Annunciation* are exhilarating and enthralling, the colour sharp and acidly brilliant. By comparison *St John the Evangelist* and *St Luke* are almost serene in the relative calm of their inward spirituality.

Although El Greco owes a good deal to the painting of Venice, where he almost certainly spent some time, the peculiarities and extraordinary distortions must lie—not in any personal idiosyncrasies of eyesight, as some have made out—but in his early life and training in the artistic traditions of his native Crete. In his work the mannerisms of a provincial and primitive style are transformed into the vehicle of a supreme originality of vision and expression. Yet only in sixteenth-century Spain could El Greco have accomplished this; had he settled in Venice he would almost certainly have remained an unusual painter but not one of the greatest of painters.

Ribera spent most of his life in Naples (then part of the Spanish empire). Although influenced by Caravaggio, his work has the fervid intensity and directness of Spanish painting. Three of the four paintings at the Academy are early works where the influence of Caravaggio was at its strongest: the sombre, seemingly spot-lit drama of the *Calvary* (exaggerated by time in the darkening of the background), the fervent simplicity of St Sebastian, collapsing on to one knee, pierced by a single arrow through his side, the menacing *The Bearded Woman* appearing to advance from the canvas, babe in arms, monstrous breast exposed, her puzzled and evidently long-suffering husband standing behind her. The later picture, *The Penitent Magdalene*, is disturbing too, for she seems more intent on discreetly displaying her own charms than on penitence.

Zurbarán's paintings of friars and saints are simpler and more limited in range than those of Ribera. But they are less soft-centred than the works of Murillo, although *St James of Alcalá Feeding the Poor* shows his characteristic careful observation of the physiognomy of the poor and destitute. One of the most immediately rewarding rooms is that of still-life paintings, particularly those, like the fine example by Sánchez Cotan, where a few vegetables and fruit are carefully displayed on a ledge or sill while others are suspended on string above them, like emblems of human attributes.

Velasquez is represented only by portraits, which although magnificent reveal only one side of his achievement.

The exhibition is well hung with plenty of breathing space between pictures. *Thracian Treasures*, which continues till March 28, is displayed in a series of cases in a single large space which allows the spectator to move from one to the other as he wishes and thus is a kind of extension of the general display in that part of the British Museum. This, with the presence of comparative material from other cultures in the body of the museum, is obviously an advantage. Yet it does not make the immediate dramatic impact of the superbly staged and highlit *Or des Scythes* which I reviewed in the autumn and which has just closed at the Grand Palais in Paris.

Paul Overy

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London Weekend

Alan Coren

Over the years Sundays have turned me into a 7.25 naturalist. When 7.25 creeps to its scheduled spot on the Sabbath dial, I flick the switch to BBC 2, where Johnnie Walker and I wait with hearts pounding to see what the intrepid Corporation Lads have brought back from Sarawak and Malagasy in the shape of man-eating toads, dwarf pachyderms, and all the nerve-stripping things that drop on you from cave roofs if you happen to be one of the more incautious Attenboroughs.

On Sunday, however, I noticed that *The World About Us* was bringing to the family fireside a medley of Taiwan insects, and a combination of late lunch and endemic arachnophobia being the unsettling thing it is, I decided for once to opt out and settle for the IBA offering.

I should have stuck with the BBC. I know little of Taiwan, but I am prepared to guess that there is nothing which hops across it, no matter how many legs it has, no matter how disgusting its personal diet or hygiene that can match for sheer revulsion the creatures that stalk the landscape of *Yus My Dear*. Indeed, this programme, the first, God help us, of a new series, may for all I know actually represent London Weekend's contribution to the naturalist pot; possibly, one should look at that title again. Perhaps the creatures were in fact, *called* yus, and thus deserve more interest than their script entitled them to.

Let me describe a yu. It is a large, slow-witted, vulgar animal that communicates with its fellows by screaming at them at the top of its voice in a tongue not unlike English, but not like it, either. Rather pitifully, it seems to feel its role in nature's great scheme is to make human beings laugh by shouting "Drawers!" and "Berk!" and "Gorblimey!" and "Cor what a pong!", by losing its soap in the bath, by taking its clothes off, and by showing its backside. The yus, who are supposed to inhabit cockney London, live on bottled beer and nudge one another a lot, and that is all there is to say about them, except to remark that they were brought to us by Ronald Wolfe and Ronald Chesney, for reasons best known to London Weekend.

Of course, it may have been out of pity. It could be that the yus are a threatened species. Dear God, I hope so.

Goldberg/Lupu

Queen Elizabeth Hall

Stephen Walsh

Sunday's second recital in Szymon Goldberg's and Radu Lupu's Mozart cycle clustered round three of the violin sonatas the composer wrote when he first went to live in Vienna in 1781. Without much question they are the first unequivocally great sonatas ever written for violin with piano. The players drew special attention to that point by ending (perhaps eccentrically) with the rather earlier D major, K 306, which for all its brilliance still shows an inchoate sense of true duo writing. That Mozart should, in the three ensuing years, have gone so far towards a full and mature sonata dialogue is, of course, less astonishing than the sheer quality of the music he wrote in doing so

Certainly the 1781 sonatas are a fund of marvellous and new musical ideas. Hearing them together emphasizes that fact. Yet so often they are played in a drab or routine way, as "easy" pieces for mediocre players or as warmers-up at the start of a heavy programme.

Sunday's performances of the F major (K376), G major and E flat sonatas, by contrast, showed a proper sense of their uniqueness and genius. Each work was, so to speak, placed on its own, in its own light, and for the first time in my experience the individual character of each sonata was rendered clearly and exactly—with none of that generalized sentiment which too often passes for good Mozart style.

The piano, by and large, still leads here, seducing the violin into collusion, and perhaps it was for that reason that Radu Lupu's style, intimate to the point of secrecy, simple in gesture, studiedly unextravagant, seemed to dominate matters. It made for playing of exceptional purity, with only the subtlest nuances. But it placed an undoubted strain on Mr Goldberg, having to echo the wonderful control and effortless lucidity of Mr Lupu's playing. Usually he was successful, though there were a few roughnesses and one or two lost details. Occasionally, for instance in the *minore* variation of K379, he supplied exquisite touches of his own. Once or twice one felt he could happily have expanded a phrase, given it more shape, fondled it.

Luciano Pavarotti

Covent Garden

William Mann

Repertory is a labyrinth for the Italian opera singer who wants to give recitals with piano accompaniment. Favourite arias sound dull without an orchestra (let alone a theatrical context): classical arias are all right for warming up, though it takes an extraordinary singer to bring them to real life. And, then, how many superb opera singers can bring their art fully to the fleeting epigram which is a song, Lied, Mélodie, canzona, or whatever?

At Covent Garden on Sunday Luciano Pavarotti had one good try with a group of Respighi's songs to poems by Ada Negri: savoury texts and cool but cogent music, lyrical in line, vividly evocative, especially "Pioggia" with its elaborate, atmospheric piano part, attractively played by Leone Magiera.

Everyone in the house (it was full, for the first time at one of these Sunday night recitals) knew that Pavarotti has a splendid tenor voice and a winning personality, though the subtlety of his artistry remains questionable. The Respighi songs were sung with real artistry. There was a delightful group of earlier drawing room songs, including Rossini's "La promessa" to which Mr Pavarotti brought likable good humour and not mere sentimentality than its composer intended. He might, in this centenary year, have fruitfully delved into Wolf-Ferrari's Tuscan peasant love songs.

In classical arias he began edgily, then produced some attractive soft singing for "Tre giorni son" and a fluent line for "Gia il sole dal Gange". Arias from *Luisa Miller* and *I Lombardi*, though pleasantly sung, needed orchestral accompaniment for proper effect. In retrospect the recital did less than justice to the charm and fluency which we expect from Mr Pavarotti. Even in his encore his intonation and registration could be faulted. Concert platforms do not suit him.

Scottish ballet on Mary Queen of Scots

On March 3 the Scottish Ballet will open its first full-scale repertoire season at Glasgow's newly restored Theatre Royal with the gala world première of a specially commissioned full-length ballet *Mary Queen of Scots*, which has been choreographed by the company's artistic director, Peter Darrell, from a scenario by Noel Goodwin and set to a specially commissioned score by John McCabe. The new production is designed by Peter Docherty.

The season at the Theatre Royal will also include *Giselle* and *Tales of Hoffmann*, the latter also choreographed by Darrell, together with a Bournonville double bill *La sylphide* and *La Ventana*.

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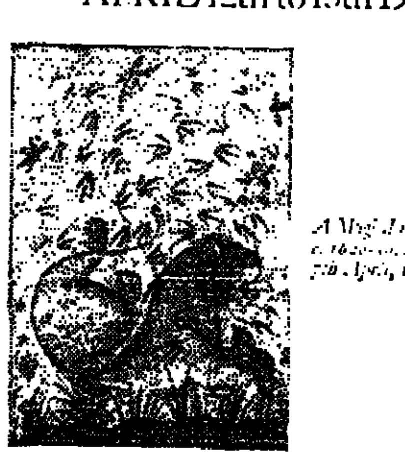

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233	93	APV Hldgs	242	..	13.7	5.7	9.3
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27	9½	Abrasives Int	16½	..	2.2b	13.0	5.7
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118	35	Do A	119	..	6.1	5.1	12.8
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24	5½	Alpine Hldgs	24	..	1.3	5.2	14.4
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72	19½	Do A	66	+2	4.0	6.0	9.7
75	31½	Ass Brit Food	71	-1	2.5	3.5	21.9
73½	21	Ass Engineer	71½	-½	5.6n	7.3	9.2
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111	37	Ass News	111	+1	6.6	6.0	9.3
40	13½	Ass Paper	40	+½	4.0	10.0	3.7
195	66	Ass Port Cement	194	..	11.0	5.6	16.6
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11½	4½	Bailey C.H. Ord	6½	..	0.3	4.9	2.8
41	21	Baird W.	93	-1	21.5	12.4	6.7
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54	29	Bamberger	52	+1	3.7	7.1	7.1
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49	22½	Barrow Hepbn	47	..	4.4b	9.1	6.1
40½	29	Barton & Sons	40	-½	3.8	9.6	4.1
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63	30	Beatson Clark	57	..	5.9	10.4	11.5
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[illegible]	11	Blackwood Mr	[illegible]	+1	..	..	..
114	63	Blagden & N	114	+3	8.4	[illegible]	4.6
46	28	Blundell Perm	40	..	3.4	8.7	3.5
39	6	Boardman K. O.	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.5
34	[illegible]	Bodycote	[illegible]	..	3.0b	7.0	4.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	Bolton Textile	[illegible]	..	1.0	13.5	5.0
[illegible]	10	Bonser Webb	20	..	..e	..	..
[illegible]	16	Bonser Eng	20	..	[illegible]	5.4	[illegible]
161	54	Booker McCon	155	-½	5.5	5.5	3.1
100	36	Boot & Hawkes	84	..	6.0	7.1	5.4
124	73	Boot H.	124	..	10.0	8.1	[illegible]
146	45½	Boots	142	+3	4.6	3.2	16.2
17	7	Boulton W.	17	..	1.6	9.2	7.1
152	54	Bowater Corp	152	..	29.9b	6.0	9.7
[illegible]	16	Bowthorpe Hldgs	[illegible]	..	1.9	5.2	7.8
[illegible]	13	Braby Leslie	69	..	4.8b	6.9	4.4
82	40	Brady Ind	78	..	8.0	10.3	5.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do A	78	..	8.0	10.3	5.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Braham Millar	[illegible]	..	1.4n	7.1	5.4
21	10	Braid Grp	18	..	1.7n	9.2	5.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	Braithwaite	[illegible]	..	10.7	12.0	3.8
162	38	Bremner H.	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.6	3.3	9.2
65	15	Brenmar	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	6.2	2.2
[illegible]	22	Brickhouse Dud	44	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.0
89	23	Brent Chem Int	87	..	2.4	2.7	12.8
36½	13½	Brent Walker	35	+1	1.4	[illegible]	16.2
20	11	Brickhouse Dud	33	..	[illegible]	10.6	5.2
166	55	Bridon	107	..	3.5b	3.3	7.7
44	44	Brierley J	44	f ..	4.6	[illegible]	10.4
33	11½	Bright J. Grp	15	..	3.2	9.0	6.7
9	1½	Bristol Plant	4¼	-¼	..e	..	14.2
555	163	Brit Am Tob	[illegible]	..	17.0	4.5	7.6
61	15½	Brit Car Auctn	42	+1½	3.4	5.5	8.3
23	5	Brit Enkalon	15	..	0.4	2.5	5.5
367¼	102¼	Brit Home Strs	155	-3	13.7b	1.4	13.9
34	13	Brit Ind Hldgs	22½	..	2.2	9.9	10.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Brit Leyland	[illegible]	+½	..	..	..
25	14	Brit Mohair	[illegible]	..	2.9	7.5	9.0
30	10½	Brit Printing	28	-½	4.9	9.9	5.1
75	23	Brit Pullmakers	57½	-½	7.7	5.1	20.4
51	24½	Brit Sim Spec	[illegible]	..	7.1b	10.5	7.1
[illegible]	175	Brit Sugar	[illegible]	-1	23.0n	5.9	20.7
[illegible]	[illegible]	Brit Tar Prod	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.6	5.5

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C — E

[illegible]

1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
16	12	Cory H.	12	..	1.0	8.3	6.6
33	27	Cosalt	44	..	3.7	8.5	3.4
242	71	Costain R	236	+2	6.5	2.8	12.0
26	11	Countryside	17	..	..	..	..
88	33	Courts (Furn)	88	+4	4.0	4.5	8.3
83	30	Do A NV	89	+4	4.0	4.5	8.2
32	21	Court Hlds Ldn	32	f ..	1.9	6.0	4.0
162	53	Courtaulds	160	-2	5.3	3.3	5.2
50	26	Courtney Pope	50	..	5.4	20.8	7.3
39	16½	C'wan de Groot	33	..	5.0b	15.2	2.0
34	12	Cowie T.	33	+1	2.0	6.3	18.3
21	13	Cox Ind	13	f ..	2.8	21.2	3.3
19	9	Crane Fruehauf	16	-1	1.3	8.0	..
34	25	Crellon Hldgs	30	..	4.3b	14.4	5.5
41	12	Crest Nicholson	40	-1	4.1n	10.2	12.9
70	23	Croda Int	61	+1	2.5b	4.1	3.0
34	14	Cronite Grp	34	..	3.7	10.9	6.5
30	20	Cropper J.	25	..	..e	..	..
112	80	Crosby Hse	103	+3	13.1	12.1	..
20	10	Crossland R.	19½	..	1.6	8.3	5.6
68	35½	Crossley Bldg	63	-4	5.3b	8.3	7.4
34	15	Crouch D.	34	..	4.3	12.7	9.1
37	15	Crouch Grp	37	..	3.7	10.0	9.9
28	9½	Crown House	27	-½	2.9	10.8	9.8
46	21	Crowther J.	39	..	0.8e	2.0	33.4
33	13	Culter Guard	16	-1	..	..	..
57	26	Cum'ns En Cv	£45	..	375	7.8	..
37	17	Cuthbert R. & G.	19	-1	..	..	32.8
25	13	Cutler Hmmer	£24¼	-¼	67.6	2.8	13.2
125	52	Dale Electric	125	..	6.6	5.2	11.8
160	60	Danish Bacon 'A'	160	..	9.6	6.0	6.0
30	24	Danks Gowerton	39	..	3.0	7.7	3.0
11	4½	Dartmouth Inv	10	..	1.0	10.1	6.9
90	29	Davies & New	88	..	9.7	11.0	7.4
45	14	Davis G.	39½	..	4.2	10.6	9.3
129	50¼	Davy Int	128	-1	8.8b	6.8	11.5
62	30	Dawson J.	49	..	6.8	13.9	5.3
670	400	De Beers Ind	560	..	37.9	6.8	12.7
99	30¼	Debenhams	97	-2	6.6b	6.8	12.2
217	66	De La Rue	217	+2	16.4	7.5	9.6
290	93	Decca	240	..	13.3	4.8	9.2
280	95	Do A	270	..	13.3	4.9	8.8
28	15	Delson	27	..	2.3	8.6	3.4
72½	33½	Delta Metal	67½	..	6.3b	9.3	8.3
127	39	Denbyware	126	-1	7.7	6.1	8.7
95	30	De Vere Hotels	83	-1	5.3	6.4	25.2
110	53	Dew G.	96	-1	6.3	6.6	5.0
129	47½	DRG	129	..	8.5	6.5	6.7
11	4	Dixples Ind	10½	..	..e	..	..
50	20	Diplomat Inv	54	-1	3.3	6.7	5.0
66	13½	Dixons Photo	65	-1	3.0b	4.6	7.1
56	14	Do A	65	-1	3.0b	4.6	7.1
57	28	Dixor	30	..	0.7	2.4	19.5
46½	14¼	Dobson Park	44½	e -½	2.7	6.0	6.9
56	20½	Dolan Pack	56	..	3.0	5.3	4.8
32	29	Dom Hldgs	44	+3	5.4	12.3	12.5
115	59¼	Dorman Smith	110	..	6.7	6.1	10.5
105	51¼	Do A	102	..	6.7	6.5	9.7
65	18	Douglas R. M.	65	..	4.9	7.4	4.9
25	9½	Dow'd & Mills	25	..	1.4	5.4	12.1
146	60	Downing G. H.	115	-½	10.5	9.1	9.5
148	41	Dowty Grp	147	..	7.7	5.2	11.6
20½	7	Drake Cubitt	11	..	..	..	..
49	11½	Dreamland Elec	41	..	3.0	7.3	6.4
40½	17½	Dufay	39½	-½	2.1	5.4	6.6
242	110	Duncan W.	235	..	..e	..	3.9
65	26	Dunford & Ell	47	-1	5.9	12.5	4.0
77	17	Dunlop Hldgs	74	-1	5.0	6.8	5.6
6	3	Duple Int	3½	..	..	..	23.3
62	30½	Duport	60	+2½	5.2b	8.6	3.9
28	10½	Dutton For	25	-1	1.2	4.9	9.9
41	19	Dykes J. Hldgs	41	..	4.8	11.6	8.7
44	18	ERF Hldgs	24	-1	..e	..	..
42	22	E Lancs Paper	43	..	4.5	10.5	7.2
50	20	E Mid A Press	35	-2	3.5	9.9	8.7
51	14	Eastern Prod	24	+2	..e	..	3.9
67	22	Eastwood J. B.	65	..	4.9	7.5	..
35	13	Do B Dfd	[illegible]	..	..	..	..
82	30	Edbro	82	..	7.4	9.0	8.6
36	14½	Ega Hldgs	35	..	2.3	6.6	4.6
7	2½	Eldridge St'ld	3½	f ..	0.9	25.7	1.1
35½	12½	Elecn Hldgs	35½	..	2.6	7.4	7.2
32	13½	Elec & Ind Secs	29½	..	2.0n	7.7	5.4
242	64	EMI Ltd	241	-2	9.6	4.0	14.5
124	42	Electrocomps	117	-2	6.0	5.2	9.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Electr'nic Rent	[illegible]	e ..	2.0b	3.0	25.1
38½	25	Elliott B.	29½	+2	5.6n	9.9	5.6
42¼	22	Elliott Grp	38	..	3.0b	8.0	4.7
121	55	Ellis & Everard	103	..	4.5	4.3	30.4
20½	10	Ellis & Gold	20½	+½	2.3	11.3	4.0
50	25¼	Empire Stores	59	-1	4.7b	5.4	10.1
5¼	2	Energy Serv	5¼	-¼	..	..	..
20½	5	England J. E.	20½	+½	3.7	5.4	10.5
50	22	English Card Cl	41	-1	3.4	8.2	2.3
91	33	Eng China Clay	70	-½	7.5b	3.0	9.3
77	26	Erith & Co	78	..	6.4	8.2	10.7
66	25	Esperanza	96	..	6.2	6.5	7.4
51	19	Eucalyptus Pulp	51	-2	7.1	13.9	2.4
65½	24¼	Euro Ferries	65½	-1	2.9b	4.0	12.0
48	27	Eva Industries	44	..	5.1	11.6	4.2
121	45	Ever-Ready Hg	121	..	4.9	4.1	12.4
66	22	Evode Hldgs	62	..	2.7	4.2	7.7
22	8½	Ewer G.	23	..	1.5b	5.0	9.5
9	4¼	Excalibur	7	..	0.6	7.5	3.3
90	22	Exch Telegraph	82	..	6.2n	7.5	13.5
65	29	Expand Metal	57	..	4.2	6.3	2.4

F — H

1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
48	22	FMC Cons	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	5.7	7.5
[illegible]	19	FNC	[illegible]	..	1.0b	11.0	..
[illegible]	29	FPA Con	[illegible]	..	..e	..	..
[illegible]	64	Fairclough L.	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.7n	6.4	9.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fairbairn Lawson	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
65	[illegible]	Fairview Est	59	-1	7.2	12.0	3.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Farnell Elect	70	..	[illegible]	3.6	17.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fed Chem Hldgs	54	..	4.4	8.1	10.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fed Lnd & Bild	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.5	5.7	14.2
30	[illegible]	Feedex Ltd	[illegible]	..	1.7b	6.2	5.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fenner J. H.	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.2b	7.3	10.4
[illegible]	53	Ferguson Hldgs	[illegible]	..	7.0	10.7	4.6
61	41	Ferro Metal	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	10.9	[illegible]
43	[illegible]	Fertleman B.	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fine Art Dev	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	Finlay J.	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.3b	4.1	6.5

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I — J

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1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
22	10	Jourdan T.	11	..	..e	..	6.2
40	18	Judge Int	30	..	2.8	9.6	9.2
53	23	K Shoes	52	..	3.2	6.1	7.4
54	20	Kelsey Ind	46	..	4.1	8.8	3.0
57	22	Kenning Mtr	50	..	4.7	9.5	6.8
37½	13	Kent M. P.	37	+½	2.6	7.1	3.8
94	38	Kitchen Taylor	52	..	2.6	5.0	10.4
223	64	Kleeman Ind	220	-3	6.4b	2.9	14.6
143	39	Kwik Save Disc	143	+4	5.5	3.9	23.4
72	25	LCP Hldgs	72	+1	6.0b	8.3	9.6
46	14	LRC Int	45½	-½	3.4	7.4	26.9
107	32	Ladbroke	107	+4	6.3b	5.9	10.9
62	25	Ladies Pride	52	-3	4.0	7.7	9.8
28	12	Lafarge	19	..	1.2	6.1	5.9
146½	47¼	Laing J.	122	+4	2.7	2.2	15.2
146½	41½	Do A	122	+4	2.7	2.2	15.2
54½	29½	Laird Grp Ltd	51½	+1	3.7b	7.1	5.8
72	23	Lake & Elliot	72	s +3	5.3b	7.3	7.4
41	25	Lambert H'wth	37	..	3.5	9.4	3.4
102	57	Lamson Ind	76	-2	4.2	5.6	..
22	6	Lane P. Grp	16	..	..e	..	..
140	46	Lankro	140	e ..	7.4b	5.3	4.2
103	42½	Laporte Ind	78	+1	4.8b	5.9	5.8
150	65	Latham J.	150	+5	11.0	7.3	7.2
47½	17	Laurence Scott	39	-1	3.9	9.9	..
67	30	Lawrence (Walt)	63	..	6.9b	11.0	6.9
33	26	Lawtex	31	+1	4.0	12.8	4.4
120	45	Lead Industries	120	..	7.5	6.3	..
40	15	Le-Bas E.	44	..	2.2	4.9	4.7
18½	9¼	Lee A.	15¼	..	1.8	11.6	8.8
79	26	Leisure C'van	77	..	7.4b	9.6	10.5
168	61	Lep Grp	131	..	3.9	2.9	5.2
45	13	Lesney Ord	40	..	1.3b	3.3	6.2
36	11	Do RV	25	..	1.3b	5.2	3.9
72	13	Letraset	72	+1	2.0	2.7	16.6
29	6¼	Lex Service	26¼	+2¼	2.3	8.6	8.6
58	24	Lilley F. J. C.	55	+1	2.6	4.5	6.9
58	20	Lincroft Kilg	38	+2	4.5	11.9	3.5
65	25½	Lindustries	65	+2	6.2n	9.5	8.3
235	70½	Linfood Hldgs	230	..	12.3	5.4	14.1
41	22	Linread	39	+1	4.7	12.1	6.8
54	25	Lipton L.	30	..	..e	..	3.2
59½	21	Lister & Co	45	..	3.8	8.4	13.2
71	30½	Lloyd F. H.	70	+1½	6.2	8.9	6.9
13¼	6½	Locker T.	8¾	..	1.0	11.4	..
11¼	5½	Do A	8¼	..	1.0	12.1	..
67	38	Lockwoods Fdr	59	..	4.6	7.8	4.0
61	16½	Ldn & M'land	59	+2	5.9	9.9	5.3
50	25	Ldn & N'thern	43	..	5.0	11.6	7.5
64	15	Ldn Brick Co	63	..	3.7	5.8	31.5
101	68	Ldn Prov Post	93	..	12.1	13.1	3.3
32	19	Longton Trans	30	-1	4.4	14.6	3.0
139	60½	Lonrho	129	+3	5.9	4.6	..
66	23	Lonsdale Univ	63	..	5.6	8.9	3.5
52	22	Lovell Hldgs	43	-1	3.0n	7.1	5.0
73	73	Loveys J.	73	f ..	..	..	..
164	52½	Low & Bonar	160	..	13.9	8.7	4.9
193	37	Lucas Ind	190	-3	8.1	4.3	8.1
30	29	Lyles S.	52	+5	3.1	5.9	..
29	13	Lyndale Eng	26	..	2.8	10.6	4.1
175	60	Lyons J. Ord	150	-5	11.6	7.7	45.3
176	60	Do A	148	-5	11.6	7.8	44.6

M — N

1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
38	7	MFI W'house	38	..	..	..	..
69	17	MK Electric	68	-1	3.1	4.5	30.2
53	17	MK Refrig'tion	42	+3	3.6	8.5	4.4
37	10	MTE Ltd	37	eh ..	2.6	6.9	9.0
46	18	MY Dart	41	..	2.2	5.3	6.9
240	99¼	McCorquodale	220	e -5	10.6	5.9	7.2
42	17	McInerney Prop	22	+1	..e	..	..
24	11	McCleery L'Amie	24	..	2.6	10.8	4.5
8½	4¼	McIntyre	4½	f ..	0.9	19.8	3.4
45	16½	Mackay H.	43	..	4.4	10.3	9.7
79½	32	McKechnie Bros	78½	-1½	5.5	7.0	15.9
57	32	McNeill Grp	57	..	4.0	7.1	5.9
44	17	Macpherson D.	44	+3	3.0b	6.9	5.6
23	10	Madame Tussds	19	..	1.4	7.2	10.3
175	105	Magnet & Sthns	175	..	7.7	4.4	..
44	11	Mallinson W.	44	..	2.9b	6.6	8.1
63	23	Man Agcy Music	60	+2	8.0	13.3	4.8
147	56	Manbre & Gart	145	-3	9.5b	6.5	11.6
230	110	Man Ship Canal	167	-1	16.3	10.9	5.4
20	4½	Mang Bronze	10½	+½	0.4	3.3	3.3
50	22	Mann & Overtn	50	..	4.6	9.2	5.3
57	25	Manordale Grp	43	..	5.7	13.1	13.0
71	5	Maple Macowds	70	-2	..	..	..
150	24	Marchwiel	129	..	4.3b	3.3	6.1
47	18	Marks A.	28	-1	5.1	18.1	2.5
125	47½	Marks & Spencer	103	-5	5.1	5.0	17.0
95	29½	Marley Ltd	95	..	4.7	4.5	10.8
17½	8	Marling Ind	14½	..	1.4	9.9	3.4
34	9	Marryat Grp	24	h ..	2.1	8.5	7.5
29½	9½	Marshall Cav	29½	+1½	4.1b	14.0	11.6
27	12	Marshall T. Lox	25	+1	2.9n	11.5	3.5
24	9	Do A	22½	+½	2.9n	12.3	3.3
57	22	Marshall T. Inv	36	..	6.2	9.1	3.9
254½	50½	Marshalls Univ	218	..	9.3	7.9	3.4
125	49	Martin-Black	122	..	6.2b	5.0	8.8
146	50	Martin-News	115	+3	6.0	4.2	7.5
60	25	Martin T.	49	-1	3.4	7.0	6.5
145½	39½	Martonair	130	s ..	4.7b	3.6	9.2
59	19	Mather & Platt	50	-2	4.0	7.9	7.0
59	[illegible]	Matthews Hldgs	44	-1	3.8	8.6	5.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	May & Hassell	94	+2	3.6	3.9	5.5
59¼	[illegible]	Maynards	94	+4	6.1	6.4	6.3
36	[illegible]	Mears Bros	28	-1	2.3	8.4	12.6
18	10	Medminster	17	-2	2.5	14.7	12.7
[illegible]	[illegible]	Menthmore Mfg	12	-½	1.2	9.5	12.9
142	39	Menzies J.	130	+2	5.9	4.5	10.5
300	125	Metal Box	297	-3	18.6	6.3	8.7
51	45	Metal Closures	69	-2	3.9	7.2	5.5
24	10	Metal Products	20	f ..	2.2	11.5	14.7
[illegible]	12½	Metalrax	24½	..	2.2	10.1	7.2
[illegible]	12¾	Mettoy	[illegible]	..	2.5	9.1	5.6
76	13½	Meyer M. L.	79	..	2.9	3.9	10.4
30	[illegible]	Midland Ind	20	..	1.3	6.4	5.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	Mill L. J.	[illegible]	..	3.7	7.0	6.2
41	15	Mills & Allen	[illegible]	..	..	..	..
125	[illegible]	Mills Jumbers	123	-1	9.7	8.1	15.5
50	15	Mining Supplies	50	-1	3.1	6.2	4.4
[illegible]	19	Mitchell Cotts Gp	[illegible]	..	4.7	7.9	10.7
65	[illegible]	Mixconcrete	54	-1	3.4	6.3	18.4
40	12	Modern Eng	[illegible]	..	4.3	11.1	9.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	Monk A.	[illegible]	+1	6.1	11.6	17.0
[illegible]	11	Mono Container	24	..	1.5b	6.4	2.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	M'canto 5% Ln	£36	..	500	13.9	..

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1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
36	16	Rotaprint	27	+1	4.0	14.9	5.8
35	10½	Rothmns Int 'B'	34	+½	2.6b	7.5	9.0
139	77	Rotork Ltd	137	-1	1.4	1.0	11.8
56	42	Routledge & K	45	..	4.8	10.6	8.0
200	32	Rowntree Mac	192	-1	6.7	3.5	9.9
68	33	Rowton Hotels	68	..	7.4	10.9	8.9
46	27	Royal Sav Grp	40	-2	3.4	8.5	5.1
156½	70	Royal Worcs	119	-2	8.0	6.7	5.6
31½	7	Royco Grp	31½	-½	3.1	9.9	14.4
31	11	Ruberoid	22	+1	1.4	6.5	10.1
89	29	Rugby Cement	88	-1	4.2	4.8	11.5
50	16	Do NV	50	+1	3.6	7.1	18.5
40	20	RTD Grp	37	..	11.4	30.8	2.1
16	6	S & U Stores	16	..	1.3	7.8	15.7
119	35	SGB Grp	109	..	6.7b	6.2	6.7
25¾	16	SKF 'B'	£24½	..	47.9	2.0	12.2
35	13	Sabah Timber	30	+1	1.9n	6.3	9.3
134	81	Sainsbury J.	134	..	7.2	5.3	16.3
31	17½	St Gobain	£26	..	63.7	2.5	12.3
78	40	Sale Tilney	65	..	6.0	10.0	5.9
135	46¼	Samuel H.	135	e ..	7.4b	5.5	7.8
133	45¼	Do A	133	e ..	7.4b	5.6	7.6
53	23	Sanderson Kay	57	+3	5.5	10.9	7.4
60	17	Sanger J. E.	60	+1	5.8n	9.6	12.3
88	24½	Sangers	86	+1	7.4b	8.6	9.7
29	14	Savoy Hotel 'A'	26	+1	0.8	2.9	..
67	31	Scapa Grp	67	..	5.6b	8.4	4.4
192	118	Scholes G. H.	189	..	20.8	11.0	15.6
45	17	Scoteros	45	..	3.8	8.5	9.1
26	12	Scotia Inv	17	f ..	..	..	16.7
24	9	Scottish TV 'A'	19½	-½	..e	..	14.7
112	46	Scot Univ Inv	95	-1	7.1	7.5	12.1
47	19½	Sears Hldgs	46	-1	2.9	6.4	13.9
71½	31¼	Securicor Grp	46	+2	1.6	3.3	10.1
60½	32	Do NV	48	..	1.6	3.3	10.1
71¼	32¼	Security Serv	52	+2	2.4	4.6	9.8
70	32¼	Do A	52	+3	2.4	4.6	9.8
21	11	Sekers Int	15	..	2.3	15.4	10.2
9¼	4½	Sellncourt	7½	+½	1.1	14.9	6.9
45	16½	Serck	43	..	3.4	7.8	6.0
26	13	Shakespeare J.	21	..	1.2	5.7	4.0
26	11	Shaw Carpets	22	+1	2.2	13.9	4.9
36½	7½	Shaw F	34	..	3.1n	9.1	7.7
37	12	Sheepbridge	37	-½	4.5	7.9	13.2
94	19	Sheffield Twist	94	h ..	..e	..	14.4
34	16	Shellabear Price	34	..	3.8	11.2	4.0
10	5	Sherman S.	7	..	..	..	..
72	35	Sidlaw Ind	57	+2	7.5	13.2	6.4
180	60	Siebe Gorman	162	..	7.0b	4.3	9.6
30	12	Siemssen Hunt	30	..	3.0n	10.0	7.6
166	55	Signode 7¾% Cn	£145	+3	700	4.7	..
39	10½	Silentbloc	39	..	2.4	6.3	17.3
121	56½	Simon Eng	113	..	9.0b	7.9	9.3
48	34	Simpson S.	48	..	4.3	9.0	10.7
48	33	Do A	48	..	4.3	9.0	10.7
36	15	Sirdar	35	-½	3.5h	10.0	7.4
67½	28	600 Group	57	-½	4.0	7.3	5.8
67	29	Sketchley	66	+1½	5.5	8.4	9.7
47	21½	Slimma Grp	46	..	2.8	5.7	8.4
22	18	Small & Tidmas	21	..	3.2	15.0	2.5
33	17	Smith D.S.	32	+3	3.1	9.8	4.7
79½	25	Smith & Neph	51	-½	2.9	5.6	12.2
422	176	Smith W. H.	360	+5	13.1	3.6	14.1
140	38	Smiths Ind	139	-1	9.1	6.5	8.0
113	48	Smurfit	111	+2	10.0	9.0	4.8
23	12	Sobranie	23	e ..	2.2n	9.7	8.7
22	11	Do NV	22	e ..	2.2n	9.7	8.7
53	21	Solicitors Law	49	..	5.0	10.3	8.9
150	50	Sparrow G. W.	132	..	6.5	4.9	10.5
103	32½	Spear & Jackson	98	-1	7.3b	7.4	7.1
105	56¼	Spear J. W.	105	..	2.3b	2.3	6.9
16	8	Spencer Gears	13½	..	1.4	10.9	10.8
38	13	Spencer G.	30	-1	4.0	13.7	5.5
46¼	22¼	Spillers	43½	-1	3.9b	8.9	8.3
131	56¼	Spirax-Sarco	128	+2	8.7b	6.8	10.7
61	19	Spirella	64	+1	4.6	7.1	6.2
35	19	Spooner Ind	24	..	3.3	13.8	5.8
115	60	Staffs Potts	115	..	7.6	6.6	4.8
35	22	Stalles Int	30½	-2½	2.3	7.0	3.6
102	56	Stag Furniture	102	+3½	9.0n	8.9	5.7
35	37¼	Stanley A. G.	35	+1	7.3	8.6	15.7
21	13	Stanwood Radio	21	..	..e	..	..
150	47	Staveley Ind	150	+2	10.8	7.2	9.9
245	100	Steel Bros	[illegible]	..	11.9	5.3	21.4
124	57	Steetley Co	120	+1	8.1b	6.3	7.7
[illegible]	11	Steinberg	17	-½	1.3	7.5	6.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Stephen J.	9½	..	..	..	..
55	50	Stew't & Ll 6%	30	-5	..	..	..
41	13	Stigwood R. Grp	33½	-½	2.2n	6.4	9.3
38	12	Stocklake Hldgs	33	..	1.5	4.7	7.2
98	50	Stocks J. & Son	83	..	5.0	6.0	5.2
123	78	Stonehill	123	+3	12.2b	10.0	9.0
97	24½	Stone Platt	97	..	4.5b	4.7	8.4
60	15	Storey Bros	60	..	4.6	7.7	9.8
115	53	Stothert & Pitt	115	+7	12.1	10.5	24.0
95	28	Strong & Fisher	95	+5	5.7	6.0	9.2
15	7	Sturla G.	14	..	..	..	..
9¼	4½	Sumner F.	8½	..	0.8	11.0	3.3
18	9	Sunbeam W'sey	9	..	..e	..	..
39	13¼	Sutcliffe S'man	39	..	3.3	8.3	5.3
113	45½	Swan Hunter	57	..	8.8	15.4	1.5

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1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
77	20	TPT	37	..	4.2	11.4	4.7
650	470	Takeda Edr	610	-15	12.0	2.0	14.0
139	69	Tarmac Ltd	134	-1	12.4	6.6	9.2
270	106	Tate & Lyle	257	-3	16.3	6.1	6.3
55	22	Taylor Pallis	54	-3	5.7	10.5	5.5
314	73	Taylor Woodrow	310	..	7.3	2.3	12.6
30	14	Telefusion	30	+2	1.6	5.0	9.3
29	12	Do A	29	+2	1.5	5.1	9.0
124	31	Telephone Rent	92	..	6.7	7.3	10.1
59½	23	Tesco	43½	..	3.9n	4.5	13.1
25	8	Textured Jersey	17½	..	..	..	..
12	18	Thermal Synd	37	+1	3.6	9.8	4.3
234	37	Thomson Org	234	-1	6.7	2.9	..
236	75	Thorn Electric	236	..	8.5	3.6	10.8
236	[illegible]	Do A	236	..	8.5	3.6	10.8
7½	4	Thurgar Bardex	3½	..	..e	..	..
276	102	Tilbury Contg	260	-2	23.5	9.0	6.6
54	18	Tilling T.	54	+2½	5.0b	5.9	10.1
41½	14	Time Products	41½	+1½	2.1b	5.1	4.3
13	9	Titaghur Jute	9	..	..	..	..
203	127	Tobacco Sec Tst	225	e -10	17.5	7.7	18.3
590	310	Do Dfd	510	-35	61.5	7.6	19.0
14	3	Tomkins F. H.	14	..	1.1	7.9	6.5
43½	15½	Tootal	43½	..	3.1	7.2	9.8
31	13	Tozer	31	..	1.9	6.2	6.3
48	13	Tozer Kemsley	37	-½	2.2	6.6	17.9
114½	35	Trafalgar H Inv	113	s +1	7.1b	6.3	10.7
[illegible]	22½	Trans Paper	40	..	5.6	14.1	3.9
62	26	Transport Dev	55	..	4.1	7.5	10.1
17½	9½	Tranwood Grp	13¼	e -½	2.5	18.2	3.4
120	29	Travis & Arnold	120	+1	4.4	3.7	7.5
28	12	Tricoville	28	+1	1.8	6.4	4.6
35½	9	Trident TV 'A'	33½	+½	3.0	9.4	8.7
51	29	Triplex Found	56	+5	4.6	8.2	4.4
126	40	Trust Hse Forte	117	-2	11.3	9.7	24.1
336	131	Tube Invest	331	-6	26.6	8.1	7.2
198	53	Tunnel Hldgs 'B'	196	..	12.9	6.6	10.9
10½	4½	Turner Curzon	10¼	-¼	1.1	10.3	6.3
158	71	Turner Newall	155	-3	11.6	7.5	10.2
67	37	Turner Mfg	67	..	4.6	6.9	11.8
90	28	Turriff	76	+1	5.3	7.0	23.4
51	20	UBM Grp	51	..	4.5	8.0	13.2
112	42½	UDS Grp	97	+1	7.4	7.6	10.3
115	43½	UK Optical	102	..	6.5b	6.3	9.2
11	7	U U Textiles	[illegible]	..	..	..	..
67	24	Unicorn Ind	66	+1	6.4	9.7	7.5
57½	24	Unigate	57½	-½	3.3	6.8	10.7
451	170	Unilever	444	-6	16.0	3.6	10.6
[illegible]	13¼	Do NV	£24½	+½	80.0	3.3	13.8
110	35	Unitech	110	+6	9.4	8.5	10.5
[illegible]	33½	Utd Biscuit	113	+3	4.4	3.8	13.9
31½	17½	Utd City Merc	29	-1	1.4	4.9	6.1
27	13	Utd Eng	27	..	2.6	11.6	9.6
30	7½	Utd Gas Ind	29½	..	1.3	4.4	13.7
10¼	4	Utd Ind	7½	..	..	..	25.0
242	104	Utd News	240	-5	37.3	7.2	5.8
93	13½	Utd Scientific	92	-1	4.0	4.3	6.8
11½	3½	Venesta	3½	f ..	..e	..	..
240	161	Vereeniging Ref	270	-30	76.4	28.3	8.5
[illegible]	15½	Vesper	42½	+1	..	..	48.4
105	42	Vibroplant	100	..	13.2	13.2	7.5
164	61	Vickers	164	..	11.7	7.1	6.9
25	9½	Viketec	[illegible]	..	3.4	14.7	7.0

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1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
79	19	Bowring	79	+3	3.3	4.2	..
99	33	Brentnall Beard	85	..	4.5	5.1	11.2
160	59	Britannic	148	-2	10.8	7.3	..
189	72	Com Union	145	+1	10.4	7.2	..
140	56½	Eagle Star	125	-2	7.7b	6.0	..
198	50	Equity & Law	174	+2	7.6	4.4	..
175	67	Gen Accident	170	-3	8.5	5.0	..
220	92½	Guardian Royal	209	+1	11.9b	5.7	..
396	50	Halford Shead	298	h ..	8.4	2.9	18.6
293	82	Heath C. E.	290	+5	9.6	3.3	12.7
185	36¼	Hogg Robinson	155	+7	5.0	3.2	13.5
149	30	Howden A.	133	..	3.7b	2.6	15.1
150½	56½	Legal & Gen	141	-1	6.7b	4.3	..
125	33	Leslie & Godwin	95	..	5.2	5.5	12.6
138	48	London & Man	133	+2	6.9	5.2	..
180	62	Matthews W'son	155	+4	11.4	7.2	13.2
134	39½	Minet Hldgs	115	+2	3.6	3.1	30.2
242	92	Pearl	232	+3	14.9	6.4	..
228	107	Phoenix	213	..	12.7	5.8	..
135	60	Prov Life 'A'	135	..	10.2	7.6	..
132	60	Do A Br	132	..	10.2	7.9	..
132	60	Do B	133	..	10.2	7.8	..
132	60	Do B Br	132	..	10.2	7.3	..
140	60	Prudential	137	+2	7.8b	5.7	..
260	110	Refuge 'A'	240	..	19.2	8.0	..
130	46	Do B	123	..	9.6	7.9	..
330	141½	Royal	328	..	20.6b	6.5	..
278	96	Sedg. Forbes	245	+5	12.0b	4.3	19.2
93	25	Stenhouse	91	..	5.1	5.6	10.7
460	207¼	Sun Alliance	443	+3	24.5	5.5	..
96	32	Sun Life	93	..	3.9	4.2	..
147	23	Trade Indem'ty	147	..	10.1	6.9	..

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
131	48	Aberdeen Trst	131	+3	5.4	4.1	44.0
209	87½	Alliance Trust	209	+6	5.1	3.9	36.2
40	15	Amer Trust	39	-½	2.1	5.3	37.1
102	42	Ang-Amer Secs	100	+3	3.3	3.3	40.3
37	22	Anglo Int Inv	35	+3	4.0	11.4	14.3
86	19	Do Ass	85	+2	..	..	..
44	10½	Anglo Scot	41½	-1	2.2	5.2	33.7
114	47	Ashdown Inv	110	-1	4.6b	4.2	34.6
44½	17½	ABC Regional	43	+1	0.6	1.4	..
69	14	Atlantic Assets	38	..	0.6	1.6	..
47½	15	Atlas Electric	49½	+½	1.8	3.6	37.2
51	23	Bankers Inv	49	+½	2.9b	6.0	23.3
46½	16	Berry Trust	39	+½	1.0	2.5	61.9
245	106½	Border & Sthrn	245	+5	7.4	3.0	43.4
37	16	Brit Am & Gen	36½	+½	1.9	5.1	26.4
54½	19¼	Brit Assets Tst	52½	+2	2.2	4.1	38.5
9¼	4	Brit Emp Sec	9¼	..	0.8	9.3	13.9
151	63½	Brit Invest	151	+6	5.2b	3.4	43.6
127½	48	Broadstone	127½	+3	4.6	3.7	36.8
74½	31	Brunner	74½	..	4.0	5.4	28.7
85½	27	Bryecourt Inv	48	..	2.6	5.4	40.0
61	22½	CLRP Inv	61	+1½	2.2	3.5	29.3
136	56½	Cable Trust	137	+4½	6.5	4.7	29.3
178	76	Caledonia Inv	163	+1	10.6	6.3	20.1
67½	27	Caledonian Tst	67½	+1½	2.0	3.0	54.0
63	25½	Do B	62	+4	..	..	..
5½	5½	Cannon St	5½	f ..	2.0	35.6	..
100	42	Capital & Natl	99	+1½	5.0	5.1	..
94½	44	Do B	94½	+1	..	..	..
137	57	Cardinal 'Dfd'	136½	..	6.6	4.8	..
111½	47	Carliol Inv	109½	..	3.8	3.5	40.1
86	29½	Cedar Inv	57	+1	2.9	5.1	27.8
48	19	Charter Trust	47	+1	2.4	5.1	28.8
67	27	Clydesdale Inv	66	+3½	2.1b	3.2	51.6
63	27	Do B	61	+1	..	..	..
12	8½	Common Mkt	£11	..	30.5	2.8	..
175	50½	Cont & Ind	175	..	6.9	4.0	37.6
14	14	Corporate Guar	14	f ..	..	..	..
82	28	Crossfriars	82	+2	3.7	6.0	20.3
28	14	Cumulus	20	..	1.1	5.4	29.4
85	35	Delta Inv	73½	..	..	..	..
149	75	Derby Tst 'Inc'	137	+2	15.2	11.1	16.1
125	40	Do Cap	107	..	..	..	..
131	60¼	Drayton Com	123	+2	5.2	4.2	32.7
140	62	Drayton Cons	138	+2	5.8	4.2	32.1
191	88	Do Premier	183	+2	7.7	4.2	32.7
53	20	Dundee & Ldn	52	+2	2.9b	5.5	27.7
61	13	E & W Inv	56½	..	1.5	2.7	43.8
130½	50½	Edin & Dundee	130½	+3	4.2b	3.2	..
196	82	Edinburgh Inv	190	+4	7.5	3.9	37.3
67	28	Elec & Gen	62	+3½	1.5	2.5	68.0
71½	30	Embankment	68	+1	3.0	4.4	30.5
69	30	Eng & Caldon'n	67	+½	3.2	4.8	27.3
86	41	Eng & Int	81	..	4.9b	6.0	24.3
69½	27	Eng & N York	69½	+1½	2.7	3.9	34.3
140	63	Eng & Scottish	126	+2	5.0	3.9	34.1
129	65	Do B	117	+2	0.3	0.2	..
280	96¼	Estate Duties	280	+3	10.8b	3.8	36.8
265	155	Estates House	242	-2	3.16	1.3	..
87	30	First Scot Am	87	+1½	3.6	3.9	37.8
148	58	Foreign & Colnl	140½	+2½	3.7	2.6	51.4
116	33	Gt Japan Inv	113	-1	0.8	0.7	..
115	43	Gen Funds 'Ord'	115	..	5.5	4.6	60.5
98	30	Do Conv	93	-3	..	..	..
89	34	Gen Inv & TSS	88	-1	4.3b	4.9	27.2
75	38	Gen Scottish	70	-2	4.0	5.7	25.3
50	33	Glendevon	73	-½	2.0	2.7	36.9
92	37	Globe Trust	93	-1	4.2	4.5	25.2
69½	29	Grange Trust	63	+1	2.2	3.6	35.7
91	38	Great Northern	90	+2	4.8	5.3	25.4
73½	32	Greenfriar	65	+2	1.4	2.2	71.0
43	22	Gresham Hse	43	+1	4.6	10.7	..
69	15	Guardian	69	-1½	2.7	3.9	37.7
83½	41	Hambros 'A'	75	-2	6.5	8.7	31.5
61½	31	Do B	58	+2	..	..	..
47	14	Harcros	42	-1	2.2	5.1	27.3
139	47	Hill P. Inv	139	-2	7.7	5.5	26.9
58	27	Hume Hldgs 'A'	55	+3	4.3	7.7	44.0
54	24	Do B	49	-1	..	..	..
47½	16¼	Indus & General	49½	+½	1.8	3.8	34.2
61½	26½	Internat Inv	61½	-1	2.8	4.5	29.3
114½	41	Invest in Suc	107	+2	3.2	3.0	46.9
182½	73	Inv Tst Corp	182½	+4½	7.0	3.8	36.3
73	22½	Inv Cap Trst	73	+3½	1.5b	2.1	63.5
134	39½	Jardine Japan	130	-3	0.8	0.6	..
113	57	Jersey Ext	111	..	..	..	..
40½	32	Joseph L.	40½	+1	1.8	2.9	33.0
33	24	Kellock Conv	24	..	..	..	..
78	32	Lake View Inv	76	+1½	2.3	3.0	47.5
50	30	Law Deb Corp	78	+1½	5.4	7.0	..
99	39	Ldn & Holyrood	93	-3	3.9b	4.2	36.5
156	65	Ldn & Montrose	154	+4	6.2b	4.0	36.7
94	39	Ldn & Prov Tst	94	-1	3.7	3.0	37.9
76	31	Ldn Elec & Gen	76	+1	3.5	4.6	26.4
45	45	Ldn Intercont	45	f ..	..	..	..
49	11	Ldn Merch Sec	40	+4	1.0	2.6	..
39	11	Do Cap	39	+4	..	..	..
53	22	Ldn Pru Invest	53	-1	2.9	5.6	24.8
116	49	Ldn Scot Amer	116	-1	5.5	4.7	29.1
161	67½	Ldn-Trust	161	+5	7.7b	4.8	30.3
36	18½	Mercantile Inv	33½	+½	2.5b	7.4	22.2
61	24½	Merchants Trust	61	+2½	2.8	4.5	30.5
49½	17½	Monks Inv	49½	+1½	1.7	3.5	39.4
73½	45	New Court Euro	54	+1½	2.9	5.4	25.4
16½	7	New Throg 'Inc'	15½	+2	2.4	15.4	9.7
65	14	Do Cap	38	+2	..	..	..
92	41	North Atlantic	92	+2	3.0	3.2	49.6
89	31	Northern Amer	87	+2	3.5	4.1	36.6
84	33	Northern Sec	83	+1	3.8	4.5	33.2
46	19	Oil & Associated	41	..	2.5	6.1	22.4
97	37	Pentland	97	+3	4.1	4.2	34.3
84½	75	Progressive Sec	81	..	3.5	4.3	28.4
42½	17	Prop Inv & Fin	42½	-½	..e	..	..
119½	46	Raeburn	119½	+3½	4.6	3.9	30.0
150	53	River & Merc	150	+2	9.3	6.2	..
117	46	River Plate	117	+2	6.5	5.5	..
85	35	Romney Trust	83	-2½	3.2	3.9	37.2
474	254	Rothschild	322	-7	14.7	4.6	23.3
53	32	Safeguard	52	-3	4.3	8.1	19.0
69½	27½	Scot Amer	69½	+1½	2.7	3.9	..
69	30½	Scot&Cont'l Inv	54	-½	1.5	2.9	58.1
40	15	Scot & Merc 'A'	40	-1	3.8	9.5	11.9
101	48½	Scot Eastern	101	+3	4.5	3.7	37.2
36	27	Scot European	41	..	1.7	4.1	32.8
94	32	Scot Invest	80	+1½	3.2	3.4	44.7

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FINANCIAL TRUSTS

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SHIPPING

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MINES

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1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
44½	21½	Pahang Cons	31	..	3.3b	10.7	..
495	225	Peko Wallsend	435	+5	..	..	..
248	109	Potgietersrust	177	-3	2.8n	1.7	..
29	13¼	Pres Brand	£10¼	-½	269	10.3	..
22¼	9½	Pres Steyn	£11¼	-½	84.0	7.2	..
396	170	Rand Mine Prop	177	..	7.2	4.2	..
24	12¼	Randfontein	£22¼	-½	..	..	..
21	6½	Rand Select	57½	-½	41.7	5.4	..
24	16	Rhodesian Corp	16	..	0.9	5.2	..
210	77	Rio Tinto Zinc	205	-5	8.5b	4.1	..
440	130	Roan Cons 'B'	170	-5	..	..	..
39½	12¼	St Helena	£21½	..	166	7.7	..
690	320	Selection Tst	515	-5	21.5	4.2	..
430	219	Sentrust	220	..	17.0	7.7	..
50	27	Silvermines	47	..	2.4	5.1	..
7½	3¼	SA Land	41½	-½	27.1	9.8	..
13¼	6½	Southvaal	27½	-½	4.60	..	..
175	72	Sthn Malayan	125	+2	16.5	13.2	..
85	34	Sungei Besi	35	-2	..e	..	..
230	92	Tang Cons	170	..	9.3	5.5	..
98	45	Tanjong Tin	48	+3	6.7	13.9	..
370	270	Tharsis Sulph	370	..	..	..	..
12¼	5½	Transvaal Cons	£12½	+½	37.0	3.0	..
94	41	Tronoh Mines	75	-2	6.6	8.8	..
470	230	UC Invest	285	-10	23.0	8.1	..
575	260	Union Corp	430	-15	28.2	6.6	..
222	93	Union Plat	142	-3	2.8	2.0	..
33	16½	Vaal Reefs	£25¼	-½	129.6	5.4	..
21½	9½	Ventersport	425½	..	19.9	5.7	..
42	27½	Wankie Colliery	43	..	3.3	7.7	..
322	52	Waterval Plat	142	+2	7.0	2.1	..
320	240	Welkom	260	..	36.5	..	..
54¼	32½	W Driefontein	£32½	-½	230	7.7	..
200	125	W Rand Cons	125	-3	5.7	4.7	..
745	250	Western Areas	250	+5	25.5	10.2	..
29½	12	Western Deep	£13½	-½	61.0	6.3	..
39¾	21½	Western Hldgs	£23¼	..	316	11.6	..
223	137	Western Mining	132	+3	3.9	2.8	..
13¾	6¾	Winkelhaak	£7⅞	-½	71.9	9.1	..
70	23	Zambia Copper	42	..	..	..	..

OIL

1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
73	35½	Ampol Pet	48½	e -1	2.4	4.9	27.8
70	52	Attock	55	-2	..	..	..
68	20½	Berry Wiggins	56	..	3.0n	5.3	11.6
122	68	Brit Borneo	120	+2	7.0	5.8	17.0
612½	191	BP	607	-2½	26.5	4.4	4.4
100	25	Burmah Oil	35	-2	..e	..	..
29	13	C F Petroles	£22½	..	102	4.5	3.3
81	34	Oil Exploration	75	+3	2.5b	3.3	..
13	7	Premier Cons	8½	-½	..	..	..
29¼	8⅞	Ranger Oil	£10¼	-¼	..	..	..
4¼	2¼	Reynolds Dir	4¼	..	..	..	..
39¼	17¼	Royal Dutch	£33¼	-1	147	4.2	6.2
402	119	Shell	396	-4	19.7	5.0	5.1
62¼	22¼	Tricentrol	54	+2	..e	..	15.6
222	66	Ultramar	205	-3	..	..	4.6

PROPERTY

1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
54	31	Alfred Ldn	39	..	3.5	9.1	7.2
136	50	Allnatt Ldn	126	-1	4.9	3.9	26.1
72	12	Amal Inv	22	+½	..	..	..
113	49	Apex Props	112	-1	2.5n	2.2	31.9
20	8½	Aquis Secs	19½	-½	0.3	4.3	75.0
51	15	Argyle Secs	47	+1	..	..	32.4
97	43	Artagen Props	82	+2½	2.4	2.9	30.2
72	37	Beaumont Prop	67	-1	4.0	6.0	20.4
67	23¼	Bellway Hldgs	55	+1	3.5	6.4	10.5
105	50	Berkeley Hambro	119	+4	5.0	4.2	24.1
166	50	Bilton Percy	106	+8	6.2b	2.7	20.3
153	46½	Do Accum	153	s +3	0.1	9.2	..
128	56	Bradford Prop	123	..	8.2	6.6	7.2
25½	10	Brit Anzani	17½	..	..	..	..
36	7	British Land	25	+1	..e	..	..
92½	31¼	Brixton Estate	90	+1½	2.6	2.9	34.3
38	11	Cap & Counties	17½	+½	0.0n	0.1	12.2
50	13	Centrovincial	41	..	..	..	..
40	12	Do Cap	40	..	..	..	..
160	66	Chesterfield	142	..	4.6	3.2	25.1
41	6½	Chown Secs	15	+1½	..	..	..
142	65	Churchbury Est	115	..	5.5	3.9	23.4
54	30	City Offices	47	..	2.1	4.4	27.2
23	9½	Country & New T	22½	..	1.0	4.3	32.2
37	14	County & Dist	29	+2½	0.1	0.3	..
72	21	Daejan Hldgs	52	..	4.6	8.8	32.5
93	25	Eng Prop	74½	+5	3.5	4.7	41.4
21	10	Estates & Gen	19½	..	..	..	..
60	20½	Estates Prop	53½	+1½	3.6	6.8	21.2
60	15	Evans of Leeds	60	..	3.0	5.0	16.7
27	6	Forum	27	+1½	0.4	1.4	65.9
14	5	Fraternal Est	8½	..	..e	..	..
163	53	Glanfield Secs	160	..	17.3	10.8	11.9
266	114	Gt Portland	242	-1	5.0	2.1	50.9
27½	12	Green R.	25	-½	2.1	8.2	54.3
55	22	Guildhall	35	+2	3.2b	3.7	28.1
470	153	Hammerson	368	-10	7.0	1.9	47.9
470	153	Do A	368	-10	7.0	1.9	47.9
242	94	Haslemere Ests	202	-6	4.1b	2.0	29.9
47½	24	Intereuropean	47½	..	3.1	6.3	..
53	15	IPH	22	..	..	..	..
87	24	Land & House	87	+1	5.5	6.6	34.1
232	77½	Land Secs	196	-1	6.8	3.5	35.0
101¼	40	Law Land	78	..	3.6b	4.6	28.2
51¼	28	Ldn & Prov Sh	49	+2	0.9	1.9	44.1
19¼	6	Ldn City & Westcl	19	+½	0.1e	0.4	..
61	31	Ldn Shop	61	+1	4.6	7.5	46.9
107	40	Lyndon Hldgs	82	..	2.9b	3.6	22.8
200	55	MEPC	93	-4	..	..	..
23	13	Marler Estates	16½	-1½	..e	..	..
59	27	Maybrook	30	..	3.4	11.4	18.4
20	8	Midhurst Whites	15	+½	..	..	..
140	100	Municipal	110	..	5.9	5.7	7.4
93	21	Peachey Prop	35	+½	0.4e	3.0	22.4
195	85	Prop & Rever	172	-1	6.0n	7.1	21.4
135	81	Do A	190	-1	6.0n	2.1	41.5
240	92	Prop Hldgs	227	-2	5.2b	3.6	43.4
62	26	Prop Sec	49½	+2½	2.3	4.8	..
10½	3¼	Raglan Prop	9	+½	..e	..	..
69	34	Regional	50	-2	1.5	3.1	40.7
65	25	Do A	49½	+2½	1.5	3.1	40.2
46	14½	Samuel Props	43	-3	..	..	30.1
69½	32¼	Scot Met Props	69½	s +2	2.2	3.3	33.5
97½	33	Slough Ests	91	+½	2.9	3.2	37.1
198	82	Stock Conv	176	..	2.5b	1.1	29.2
197	90	Sunley B.	177	+5	5.9	3.4	..
35	8	Town & City	20	+½	0.0	0.1	..
35	9	Town & Com	19½	..	..b	..	..
60	34	Trafford Park	55	+2	4.6	7.8	10.9
22	7½	UK Props	12¼	..	..	..	..
17	7½	Webb J.	14½	..	1.2n	8.4	33.1
26	10	W'minster & Cty	19	..	..	..	..
47	12	Wingate Inv	36½	+2	0.0	0.1	..
9	1½	Woodnult	7	-1½	..	..	..

RUBBER

1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
43	25	Anglo-Indonesia	33½	-1	7.9	20.8	..
66	45	Bradwall FMS	62	..	3.1	5.0	..
90	37	Castlefield	72	..	3.2	4.4	..
31½	11	Chersonese	25	-½	1.9	6.4	..
64½	33½	Cons Plant	57	-½	5.0	8.8	..
10	6½	Dorunakande	9½	..	1.4	14.2	..
73	47	Gadek	51	..	2.5	4.9	..
58	25½	Golden Hope	47	..	3.6	6.2	..
8½	5½	Grand Central	6	..	0.2	12.3	..
237½	100¼	Guthrie Corp	275	-7	26.9	9.7	..
57½	32	Highlds & Low	38	-2	0.9	2.4	..
55	45	Hongkong	45	..	2.0	4.2	..
110	85	Killinghall	95	-1	9.0	9.4	..
35½	17½	Kulim Malaysia	22	..	2.1	9.1	..
57½	29½	Ldn Asiatic	45	..	3.3	7.2	..
33½	20½	Ldn Sumatra	32	..	1.7	5.2	..
27½	16¼	Majedie	20½	..	0.8	4.1	..
9	3½	Malaysiam	6	..	0.5	9.0	..
68	39	Muar River	42	..	2.2	5.0	..
55	29½	Pataling	44½	..	3.3	7.3	..
42	27	Plant Hldgs	37	..	2.5	8.1	..
15	7	Sungei Krian	101½	..	49.5	4.9	..

TEA

1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
102	55	Assam Frontier	92	..	11.0	12.0	..
47	24	Assam Inv	47	+1	4.8	9.3	..
68	30	Camellia Inv	64	..	2.2	3.5	..
58	24	Clairmace	50	..	9.2	18.5	..
23	14	Deundi	17	..	..	..	..
130	130	Doolahat	130	f ..	5.0	3.8	..
126	90	Jokai	113	..	11.0	9.6	..
150	48	McLeod Russel	130	..	9.0	6.9	..
102	84	Moran	102	..	5.9t	5.6	..
36	23	Ouvah Highlds	35	..	2.4	6.9	..
34½	10½	Peacock Sadnt	29	..	4.2	14.6	..
25	15	Sthn India	22	..	..	..	..
17	14	Surmah Valley	17	..	..	..	..
34	58	Warren Tea	78	..	9.1	11.7	..
75	60	Williamson Hldgs	68	..	6.9	10.5	..

MISCELLANEOUS

1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
13¼	6⅞	Algoma Cen Rly	£9⅞	+¼	26.0	2.8	10.9
16	5	Antofagasta	13	..	..	..	7.6
27	13	Calcutta Elec	26	..	9.0	34.6	..
50	34	E Surrey W 7%	£41	..	700	16.5	..
22½	26	Essex Wtr 5%	£32½	..	500	15.4	..
135	46	Felixstowe Dock	125	h ..	10.0	8.0	12.9
360	140	Imp Cont Gas	350	..	12.3b	15	23.0
32½	25	Mid Kent Wtr	£30½	..	500	16.4	..
80	39	Milford Docks	48	..	..	..	21
163	63	Nigerian Elec	140	..	15.0	10.1	..
415	267	Perak Rvr Hydro	377	..	26.5	7.5	11.1
32	29½	Sunderlnd Wtr	£31¼	..	600	18.9	..

e Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 12.01.76 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1935):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	164.92	5.91	14.65	166.62
Largest Coys.	164.46	5.74	11.00	165.93
Smaller Coys.	166.45	5.44	8.53	168.85
Capital Goods	168.94	6.27	10.45	170.35
Consumer Goods	183.60	5.90	10.38	189.05
Store Shares	140.02	6.05	6.62	140.75
Largest financial Shares	158.25	6.29	—	160.45
Largest financial and industrial Shares	170.90	5.94	—	172.58
Commodity shares	241.79	4.13	9.95	242.45
Gold Mining shares	436.22	7.30	11.35	440.49
Industrial debenture stocks	30.47	7.55*	—	30.45
Industrial preference stocks	53.54	13.89*	—	51.59
3½% War Loan	28¾	12.6*	—	28¾

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High		Low	
All-time	198.47	(15.06.72)	60.18	(12.12.74)
1975	166.16	(09.01.76)	159.37	(05.01.76)
1974	136.18	(28.02.74)	60.18	(12.12.74)
1973	189.93	(12.01.73)	120.99	(14.12.73)
1972	198.47	(15.06.72)	174.46	(10.01.72)
1971	174.77	(31.12.71)	122.28	(02.03.71)
1970	145.78	(14.01.70)	110.75	(28.05.70)

* Flat interest yield.

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overnment will ay Burmah Oil 40m ‘on account’ or Ninian stake

Roger Vielvoye
rgy Correspondent

urmah Oil is to receive m "on account" from the ernment, pending the com- ion of the sale of its ian oilfield in the North to the British National Oil poration.

Ir Benn, Secretary of State Energy, said yesterday that ernment negotiations to the company's assets were ler way and "an advance of m has been made to Bur- on this account."

urmah is hoping to realize least £120m from selling its per cent share of the large ian field to the Govern- nt. Cash from the sale will used to finance Burmah's re in the development of Thistle field.

legotiations began after Mr n announced early last nth that the Government s prepared to buy all or t of Burmah's North Sea ets "at a fair price to be gotiated on an arm's length sis".

He also told the House of mmons that the Bank of gland would continue to arantee the company's huge lar borrowing burden ond the end of 1975.

n interim payment to Bur- is seen in some quarters an indication that the nego- ions may go on for at least ther month. But from in Burmah there was hope a deal could be fixed in the next two weeks.

ovided that the sale of an realizes sufficient cash, nah may be able to nce the whole of its obliga- s to the Thistle develop- t. For this reason govern- t sources say that the sale tiations will not cover the tle assets.

rmah is operator for the tle field development, and has a 16 per cent equity stake. A production platform for the field has been ordered and is due to be floated out and installed in the summer. At this stage the company's cash needs will become more acute.

According to oil company sources, the negotiations may be prolonged by differences of opinion over the exact size and worth of the Ninian undersea reservoir, located about 100 miles north-east of Shetland.

Estimates of the size range from 980 million barrels quoted by British Petroleum to 1,200 million barrels by Chevron, which took over from Burmah as the operator in charge of ordering and installing two production platforms.

So far Burmah has spent about £40m developing both Ninian and Thistle, all of which has come from its own resources because it has been unable to conclude a long-term financing deal.

The Ninian purchase is separate from the government quest for 51 per cent state participation in all the commercial oilfields found in the North Sea so far.

It is uncertain whether the acquisition of 20 per cent of Ninian by BNOC will lead to a proportional reduction in demands for participation in shares held by other companies including BP, Chevron, ICI and Ranger Oil.

However, it has been decided that the Government will continue to seek 51 per cent of Burmah's interest in the Thistle field if it does not buy a direct equity stake from the company.

The Export Credits Guarantee Department is backing a £12m credit which National Westminster has made available to buy British equipment and associated services for use in the development of the Statfjord field in the Norwegian sector of the North Sea.

omptroller affirms S banks’ soundness

: Frank Vogl
conomics Correspondent
ington, Jan 12

James Smith, Comptrol- of the Currency today red that First National Bank and Chase Man- n Bank "continue to be g the soundest banking utions in the world". He haritically and unequivo- " rejected any suggestion he saw them as "problem" s.

e *Washington Post* was ed yesterday as saying that were on the Comptroller's blem" list. Informed nment sources pointed out the Comptroller maintains al special lists and neither ution is mentioned on one g with banks with pos- acute problems.

vever, both main New banks, as well as 150 are mentioned on a list the ratio of possible m loans to capital is in of 65 per cent.

newspaper story was an influence today on Street, where in early g the share prices of the g companies of both fell slightly.

In an uncharacteristically tough statement, Mr Smith said: "I am at a loss to understand what impelled the *Washington Post* to construct some routine bank examiners' reports, apparently obtained through unauthorized sources, into a front page news event, implying that the First National City Bank and Chase Manhattan Bank are considered problem banks by my office.

"There should be no surprise that our office has been watching carefully the condition of major banks during a time of general economic difficulties. The *Post* story attempts to make major news out of this fact".

The subcommittee on commerce, consumer and monetary affairs of the House of Representatives plans to hold a hearing next week to examine Mr Smith's statement, his procedures for supervising banks and to investigate the accuracy of the *Washington Post* story.

A subcommittee member said the hearing would focus on the specific reports made on Citibank and Chase by the examiners in the Comptroller's office.

ree follow Lloyds and base rate to 10½pc

ristopher Wilkins

nal Westminster, Bar- and Midland yesterday d the lead set by Lloyds ust over a week ago by g their base lending om 11 to 10½ per cent.

ut came after a week in the gilt-edged market en rising strongly and rates had been falling. move earlier had ome after a period of g rates, culminating in ction in the Bank of 's minimum lending m 11¼ to 11 per cent a st Friday. This was the cut in MLR since at which time the 11 t base rate was estab-

with Lloyds the other banks have reduced rates from 7 to 6¾ per it personal loan rates hanged.

ase rate cuts came as rise. It had earlier t by some banks that ad been too quick off , and it was far from hat interest rates were lower trend. It was d that the pressures of porate tax-gathering ight halt the general ates which took place ristmas

Mr Alex Dibbs, chief executive of NatWest, yesterday pointed to the easing of rates in New York as a further factor. He added: "The demand for advances continues to be weak, and this reduction in the cost of borrowing can only be a welcome development when there are other signs that we are beginning to move out of recession."

A further important factor is that the banks have been reluctant to allow money market rates to fall too far below their own lending rates for fear that their large customers might shift their borrowing demand away from the banks to the money markets.

Frank Vogl writes from Washington: Bankers and financial analysts on Wall Street believe American interest rates will fall further in the near future, with prime lending rate possibly even going to 6¾ per cent by the end of this week and moving still lower before the end of the month.

Yesterday the First National Bank of Chicago copied the trend set by many of the country's leading banks and lowered its prime rate to 7 per cent from 7¼ per cent.

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CLYDESDALE BANK

INTEREST RATES

The Clydesdale Bank Ltd. announces with effect from 13th January, 1976 its Rate for lending is being decreased 11% per cent to 10½% per annum.

Input costs threat to prices

By Melvyn Westlake

Although the trend of wholesale price increases is still set on a broadly downward course, industry's rising fuel and raw materials costs threaten to arrest the descent.

According to figures published by the Department of Industry yesterday, wholesale prices rose at an annual rate of some 12.3 per cent in the final quarter of 1975, but the cost of materials and fuel inputs was rising at an annual rate of 30 per cent, or nearly two-and-half times faster.

Such a pattern is unlikely to be sustainable for long, and the high level of industry's input costs now appears to be the greatest single threat to the Government's counter-inflation strategy.

The divergence in the trends for input prices and wholesale or output prices has been in evidence for six months. The latter declined almost steadily 1975 from an annual rate of some 30 per cent in the first quarter to 25.5 per cent in the second quarter, 16 per cent in the third, and just over 12 per cent in the final quarter.

By contrast, input cost began to climb sharply between the second and third quarters, from an annual rate of roughly 9 per cent to 27 per cent. By the final quarter the rate of increase had reached 30 per cent.

Over the full year output prices still showed a sharper rise than input costs—20 per cent against 15 per cent—but many of the recent increases in materials and fuel will not yet have been incorporated in finished products.

In fact, wholesale prices did show a rather higher rise in December than in the previous month but half the increase of 1.3 per cent (against 0.9 in November) was directly attributable to sharp increases in the prices of petroleum products as a result of the 10 per cent rise in crude oil announced by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries early in the autumn.

WHOLESALE PRICES

The following are the indices (1970=100) of wholesale prices of manufactured goods and of basic materials and fuel purchased by manufacturing industry released by the Department of Industry yesterday. The figures are not seasonally adjusted, exclude purchase tax, but include revenue duties.

		Output prices (home sales)	Prices of materials and fuel
1973	Q1	119.1	126.0
	Q2	120.1	133.3
	Q3	124.2	150.9
	Q4	129.1	167.6
1974	Q1	138.2	212.5
	Q2	148.9	213.7
	Q3	156.1	212.9
	Q4	164.9	222.1
1975	Q1	176.0	220.9
	Q2	186.3	225.6
	Q3	193.4	239.3
	Q4	199.1	255.5
1974			
Dec		167.6	222.5
1975			
Jan		173.0	222.1
Feb		175.9	218.8
March		179.2	221.9
April		182.5	222.9
May.		187.3	226.2
June		189.0	227.7
July		191.7	233.2
Aug		193.5	241.4
Sept		194.9	243.2
Oct		197.0	251.7
Nov*		198.6	256.1
Dec*		201.4	258.6

*Provisional

By contrast, the December rise in manufacturing industry's input costs was actually less than in November, at 1 per cent compared with 1.75 per cent, and very much lower than the exceptionally high 3.5 per cent jump in October.

But it will be at least another couple of months before it becomes clear whether this represents a real reversal in the rapid upward pace of materials and fuel prices apparent throughout the second half of last year. The evidence does suggest that the prices of some raw materials and semi-manufactured goods are indeed on a distinctly upward tack.

For example, the textile industry is facing higher wool and cotton prices and many industries are facing increased steel costs. A further fall in the exchange rate of sterling will also have a material influence. The pound's recent depreciation, together with the rise in many primary food products, has been one of the most important factors in industry's higher input costs, pushing up still further the sterling price of oil.

The rise in the food industry's materials and fuel costs in December was held to 1 per cent after a rise of 4.9 per cent in November. Behind the December rise were higher prices for home-landed fish, home-produced meat and potatoes.

In the short term the steady decline in wholesale prices and the present observance of the £6 pay increase policy suggests that the rise in retail prices should continue to fall.

Colocotronis group debt financing agreed

By Our Financial Staff

Agreement has been reached between a group of international banks and the Colocotronis group involving a rescheduling of the debt of the cash-starved Greek shipping empire.

This emerged yesterday as a West German ship repair company, Howaldtswerke Deutsche Werft, revealed it had impounded one of Colocotronis's ships in Hamburg because the repair bill had not been paid.

The vessel is the 42,000 deadweight ton Pacific Colocotronis. Howaldtswerke said it would hold the ship until payment had been made. It is believed the repair bill is around DM5m (nearly £1m).

Precise terms of the restructuring are not being revealed by Colocotronis, but it is thought to entail some deferment of both interest and principal payments.

Overall, Colocotronis is understood to have short-term liabilities of around $320m (about £162m), primarily in the form of three syndicated loans.

The biggest of these is for $150m and was arranged by Deutsche Schiffahrtsbank of Bremen, a merchant bank jointly owned by other German banks and a specialist in shipping finance. The other two loans have been arranged by European American Bank ($110m) and Brandts ($30m).

In all, these loans are thought to have been syndicated among 60 or 70 international banks.

In a statement last night, Colocotronis said facilities would be made available to ensure continued performance of the group's charter and trading obligations. The group emphasized that it would continue to handle the operations of the shipping fleet.

At the root of the group's problems has been the purchase of two supertankers of 380,000 dwt each. One of these is at present without a charter and the charter on the other is due to expire next month.

‘Blackmail’ denial by Mr Healey

Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, yesterday denied that he had accused developing countries of "blackmail" to obtain greater borrowing facilities from the International Monetary Fund at last week's meeting of the IMF interim committee in Kingston, Jamaica. His denial came in a House of Commons reply on the subject to Sir Geoffrey Howe, Shadow Chancellor.

It appears that Mr Healey's use of the word "blackmail", which was reported in *The Times* yesterday, referred to the opinion held by a number of countries about the American stand on the use of Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries currencies to aid developing nations. At the Jamaica meeting, Mr Healey came forward with compromise proposals to avert a clash between the United States and oil producers on this issue and generally sided with the developing countries' claim for greater access to IMF borrowing.

In his Commons statement, the Chancellor confirmed that the new arrangements would mean that the United Kingdom could borrow an extra £700m, though he added that it was not his intention to take advantage of this facility. The Government's economic policies, he added, had won the support of colleagues abroad.

Speaking more generally of the Fund meeting, he made it clear that the overwhelming majority of countries present at the 20-nation session of the interim committee, which represents all IMF members, was convinced that there was no possibility of fixed exchange rates in Europe.

Meanwhile, the Dutch Central Bank again made it clear that it did not intend to buy any of the 25 million ounces of gold to be sold by the IMF to aid developing countries. The possibility of France buying some of the gold, however, has been left open by M Jean-Pierre Fourcade, French Finance Minister.

£30m aid expected for engineering

A further tranche of state aid to stimulate early investment by industry is expected to be announced by the Government later this week. The sum, thought to be around £30m, will probably be set aside for special help to engineering.

Last week Sir Ronald McIntosh, director-general of the National Economic Development Office, disclosed that he had asked Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to consider modernization grants for the engineering sector.

On November 5, after the Chequers meeting on industrial strategy, Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, said the Government was postponing the qualifying date for such aid from March to September, and reducing the qualifying limits on the capital cost of projects from £1m to £500,000.

Lubok to issue policy statement

By Our Financial Staff

Shareholders in Lubok Investments, the gold dealing and investment group of which Mr James Slater was formerly chairman, are to receive a statement from the company this week outlining recent disposals of investment holdings, and explaining future group policy.

This follows reports that the expected sale of Mr Slater's remaining three million shares in Lubok, equivalent to some 18 per cent of the company, will pave the way for a full scale takeover bid for the group.

A number of companies are thought to be interested in purchasing the Slater stake, and there has been a suggestion that Lamont Holdings, where Mr Anthony Buckley the former Slater, Walker managing director is a director, might be preparing a bid.

Mr Slater sold 2.25 million of his shares in September, just a month before his resignations from Lubok, and Slater, Walker Securities.

The transaction was thought to have been done at around the then market price of 32p a share. But the lack of any clear investment strategy since his resignation has seen the shares come down to 14½p in recent weeks, where the entire group is capitalized at around £2.5m.

Lubok has sold its shareholdings in Malit Securities and SA Holdings. It is now thought to be essentially a cash shell on offer to the highest bidder.

In Singapore, tht Stock Exchange has broken its three-week silence on Haw Par. According to a circular sent to shareholders the company said that the Exchange had called upon it to explain three breaches of the corporate disclosure policy involving share dealings by Spydar Securities, upon which the Stock Exchangr has recently compiled a lengthy report.

There is also the possibility that Singapore may shortly step up its attempts to embarrass the new board of Slater, Walker Securities by publishing the promised report on share dealings in Haw Par stock by Slater companies and associates.

Chrysler may extend deadline for voluntary redundancy offer

From Our Midland
Industrial Correspondent

Chrysler UK said last night that it would consider extending the seven-day limit on voluntary redundancies which was due to expire today. Some 4,300 of the company's 25,000 employees have so far volunteered—nearly 4,000 short of the 8,250 redundancies required under the government-approved rescue plan.

Last week Chrysler insisted that seven days was the absolute maximum it could wait for workers to make up their minds because the first and largest phase of the redundancy programme had to become operative by February 2.

Last night a company spokesman said: "A decision on a possible extension of the deadline will be made today."

Shop stewards have been pressing Chrysler management to extend the deadline to enable workers to explore alternative job opportunities.

Yesterday teams from the Department of Employment, the Employment Services Agency, and the Training Services Agency began to move into the company's Coventry plants to help the 4,500 workers who face redundancy at Stoke and Ryton.

But new job prospects are far from happy. Mr W. E. Hayden, ESA's Coventry district manager, said:

"Our level of unemployment is the highest since the war, and the rate of 6.2 per cent is well above tht national average. More than 15,000 are unemployed here.

"Coventry has always been acutely affected by national economic cycles, but in the past it has shown resilience and has speedily recovered. I am afraid this time the climb out of the trough will be much steeper."

About 2,000 of the 4,600 manual workers at the Stoke enigne plant returned to work yesterday after a one month's shutdown. Available work is being shared on a short-time basis. More than 90 per cent of the labour force will be on a three-day week.

At the Ryton assembly plant, which produces the Avenger, some workers are being recalled on Thursday to prepare the assembly lines for a general restart on Monday. It will be the first time that cars have been produced at Ryton since December 1.

Thre is a similar phased recall at Linwood, Renfrewshire, to enable production to resume next Tuesday.

But unless the present large stocks of Chrysler cars are reduced substantially during the next few days the most the company's employees can look forward to is short-time working for several months.

Car delivery men stay out

By R. W. Shakespeare
Northern Industrial Correspondent

Shop stewards decided yesterday that the week-old pay strike by more than 1,000 car delivery drivers from seven Silcock & Colling depots throughout the country is to go on. About 100 more drivers from another Midlands delivery depot belonging to Car Transport BRS are now also on strike because of a separate dispute.

The stoppages are holding up deliveries from the assembly plants to dealers and to the docks for export. Completed vehicles are having to be stockpiled at car plants belonging to Ford, Leyland and Chrysler. At some of them storage space is limited and Leyland, for instance, could run into production problems at its Jaguar and Triumph factories in Coventry within the ext day or two.

Mr Anker to resign as MEPC chief

By John Brennan

Speculation about disharmony within the MEPC boardroom was confirmed yesterday with news that Mr Peter Anker is to resign as managing director. Sir Gerald Thorley, who takes over as MEPC's chairman on the retirement of Sir Henry Johnson at the end of March, will temporarily take over Mr Anker's job from March 1.

Mr Anker, who will remain a main board director, is to return to Canada to take over the group's North American operations.

A property developer rather than a purely financial man, Mr Anker is known to have been under pressure from fellow board members over his style of management.

He hopes now to have a more positive role to play as chief of MEPC's still expanding North American side. The crange is, he feels, "a satisfactory conclusion to an intolerable situation".

Mr Anker took over management of MEPC in 1972. By mid-1973 the company was reporting a development programme amounting to more than £400m, with more than 80 projects under way throughout the world.

When the property market crashed late in 1973 the group began to cut back its development commitments, a process which is still taking place. At the last accounts in December, 1975, MEPC's development programme had been clipped to just £28m.

The costs of the earlier expansion were apparent in a £10.1m revenue deficit, a passed dividend, and overall debt of £400m against shareholders' funds of £239m.

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Review of state sector complaints procedure soon

A review of the machinery for dealing with consumer complaints in the nationalized industry sector should be complete by early spring so that discussions on changes considered necessary could begin, Mr Alan Williams, Minister of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, said yesterday.

Mr Williams told a meeting of the Welsh Post Office Users' Council in Cardiff that in some cases there had been little change in the machinery for dealing with consumer complaints in the public sector

Dealers begin switch to rival franchises

By Clifford Webb

Six Chrysler dealers have already switched to Japanese and German car franchises and a further 20 are believed to be in the final stages of negotiation, it was learnt last night.

Inquiries among importers revealed that nearly 200 of Chrysler's 750 British dealers submitted applications to change to foreign car dealerships during October, November, and early December. This is by far the biggest attempted mass desertion the industry has seen.

However, since the December 16 announcement of the Government-backed £162m rescue plan for Chrysler, many of the applications have been withdrawn.

Volkswagen GB said last night: "We received approaches from 26 Chrysler dealers in November, 11 in December and a further two so far this month. There were also approaches from other franchise holders, totalling 84 in October and November.

"That is easily a record number in such a short time."

It said three Chrysler dealers had signed up, and a fourth would sign shortly. The three who had changed were Skindles Service Station, Maidenhead, Nias of Wantage, near Oxford, and Minores Garages, Durham.

Fiat said it had received up to 70 applications from Chrysler dealers and was negotiating "seriously" with between six and eight.

Colt Car Company, British importers of the Janapese Mitsubishi Colt range, reported 110 inquiries from Chrysler dealers. So far it has appointed only two but negotiations are continuing with a further 12. Colt arrived in Britain only a year ago, but has already built a 140-strong dealer network.

Surprisingly enough, Datsun UK, the leading importer, has signed only one Chrysler dealer and expresses little interest in the majority of 40 further approaches.

A Datsun spokesman said: "We have turned down nearly all the Chrysler approaches because we do not think we shall have enough business to support them".

The one convert to Datsun so far is Greens of Swindon, a member of a garage group of which Lord Rootes is chairman. He sold the Rootes Group, now Chrysler UK, to the Americans and was its chairman until his retirement in 1973.

A Chrysler UK spokesman said last night: "The very small number of Chrysler dealers who have in fact changed to other franchises is itself an indication of the returning confidence in the future of this company".

He denied reports that several attempted changes to other franchises had been thwarted by Chrysler's refusal to buy back dealers' stocks of spare parts.

"Where buying back is part of a dealer's contract, we have honoured it", the spokesman said. "But some dealers declined to accept the new contracts we introduced last year."

How the markets moved

The Times index: 164.93 −1.23
The FT index: 394.4 −7.2

Rises

Bilton Percy	8p to 166p	Newman Ind	5p to 48p
Brit Debt Serv	2p to 14p	P'dilly Theatre	8p to 80p
De Beers Dfd	10p to 328p	Rio Tinto Zinc	5p to 205p
Fisons	8p to 398p	Steinberg	3p to 17p
Gordon & Gotch	6p to 62p	Turner Curzon	2½p to 10½p
Highgate Opt	4p to 36p	Utd News	8p to 240p
Midhurst Whites	2½p to 15p	Weston Pharm	7½p to 46½p

Falls

Allied	3p to 71p	Maple Mac'wds	2p to 10p
Barclays Bank	5p to 315p	McCorquodale	8p to 220p
Boots	6p to 142p	Plessey	3p to 75p
BP	9½p to 603p	Pretoria P Cmnt	18p to 182p
Dunlop	3p to 74p	Tobacco Sec Tst	10p to 228p
GKN	6p to 272p	Unilever	6p to 444p
Haslemere Ests	6p to 202p	Waddington J	12p to 103p

Sterling gained 5 points to $2.0310. The "effective devaluation" rate was 30.0 per cent.
Gold was unchanged at $136.75 an ounce.
SDR-$ was 1.17341 on Friday, while SDR-£ was 0.577778.

Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1190.5 (previous 1192.3).
Equities succumbed to profit taking.
Gilt-edged stocks had another strong day.

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.68	1.62
Austria Sch	38.50	36.50
Belgium Fr	83.50	80.50
Canada $	2.10	2.05
Denmark Kr	12.80	12.40
Finland Mkk	8.00	7.75
France Fr	9.25	8.95
Germany Dm	5.40	5.20
Greece Dr	80.50	75.50
Hongkong $	10.40	10.00
Italy Lr	1545.00	1490.00
Japan Yn	645.00	620.00
Netherlands Gld	5.55	5.35
Norway Kr	11.55	11.20
Portugal Esc	69.00	60.00
S Africa Rd	2.06	1.88
Spain Pes	124.75	119.25
Sweden Kr	9.10	8.80
Switzerland Fr	5.40	5.20
US $	2.07	2.02
Yugoslavia Dnr	41.50	38.00

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Members for Post Office review body named by Mr Varley

By Malcolm Brown

Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, yesterday announced the names of the members of the committee set up at the end of last year to review the operations of the Post Office.

The committee will be chaired, as already announced, by Mr Charles Carter, vice-chancellor of Lancaster University.

Its other members are: Mr Leslie Buck, general secretary, National Union of Sheet Metal Workers, Coppersmiths and Heating and Domestic Engineers; Mr Brian Kellett, deputy chairman and chief executive, Tube Investments; Sir George Macfarlane, former controller, Research and Development Establishments and Research, Ministry of Defence; Miss Rosemary McRobert, director of retail trading, Standards Association; Mr Rupert Nicholson, partner, Peat Marwick Mitchell; Mr David Sainsbury, financial director, J. Sainsbury; and Mrs Maureen Waddilove, member York Citizens Advice Bureau.

The committee will examine the performance and main features of the Post Office and its use of resources and assets. One of its tasks will be to decide whether any changes could be made which would enable it better to perform its functions under the Post Office Act 1969.

It is expected that the committee will consider evidence on whether the postal and telecommunications services should be separated.

Ryland plea for productivity

Sir William Ryland, chairman of the Post Office Corporation, said yesterday that the corporation, which had a £306m loss last year, should be back in the black this year.

Writing in the New Year edition of *Courier*, the Post Office staff newspaper, Sir William said that there would be no subsidies "so we shall get by without price increases only by supporting wage increases with equivalent productivity improvement".

It was vital, he added to hold off further price increases for the main services as long as possible. This meant keeping up the momentum for improving prodictivity throughout the coming year.

Trade balance of textile industry worsens

A sharp rise in clothing imports led to a worsening of the textile industry's balance of trade, according to the latest quarterly returns published by the cotton and allied textile industry yesterday.

Imports of clothing in the third quarter of 1975 rose by a massive 27.5 per cent on the corresponding period of 1974. Although exports in the same period increased by 13.5 per cent this meant the industry's adverse trade balance jumped from £36m to £56m.

There was little fundamental change in textile trading conditions during the third quarter. Short-time working intensified and a further six mills closed. In the first nine months of the year the industry shed some 8,000 workers.

Syria buys £10m VWs

Wolfsburg, West Germany, Jan 11.—Volkswagen has won a DM55m (about £10.4m) order from Syria for 6,000 finished passenger cars, mainly the Golf model, and spare parts.—AP-Dow Jones.

18pc downturn in business for restaurants

Latest reports from restaurants indicate a marked drop in trade, particularly in the upper price brackets.

Traditionally turnover is at the lowest ebb for the year during the first two weeks of January, and this year preliminary indications are that business may be as much as 18 per cent down on the same period last year in certain sectors.

Mr Alan Da Costa, chairman of Empire Catering, said yesterday that the numbers of customers served in the group's top grade resturants were around 10 per cent down last week compared with 1974.

Big store groups show negative growth

A survey of 60 of Britain's leading department store groups over the three years to April, 1975, shows that in real terms almost half of them failed to make sales growths.

In addition, the survey, carried out by ICC Business Ratios, reveals that profits plummeted

The larger groups head the profitability table, but almost half of the companies recorded profit margins of less than 5 per cent.

Unions vie for ICI staff

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

A battle is developing in ICI between unions over the representation of more than 9,000 managers and professional staff.

The managers, accountants, professional scientists and engineers are taking part in a week-long ballot starting tomorrow on a claim for bargaining rights tabled by the non-TUC, non-political Association of Professional Scientists and Technologists (APST).

But APST's rival, the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, which is also seeking to represent the 9,000-strong group, denounced the ballot, said it would not recognize the result and would proceed with a separate demand for recognition.

The secret postal ballot on the APST claim is being conducted by the Electoral Reform Society, and the result should be announced soon after January 21—only a few days before the recognition procedures of the new Employment Protection Act come into force.

ASTMS fears that the poll is being rushed through to prevent a TUC-affiliated union from using section 11 of the legislation to seek the assistance of the ACAS to win recognition.

The APST ballot follows a big recruitment drive by the non-political union, which showed that 25.6 of the group had taken out membership. Under ICI's rules on union representation this gave them the right to a vote on who should represent them. ASTMS is seeking to prove that it, too, has more than 20 per cent of the management group in membership to permit a ballot on its claim.

Dr Maurice Gillibrand, executive secretary of the APST, said yesterday: "We believe this ballot to be absolutely crucial to the future interests of a group of people on whom ICI's future prosperity depends to a very great extent.

"This could well be their last chance to make a free choice as to who is to represent them in future negotiations with the company, as the Employment Protection Act now gives the government-sponsored Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service the power to take that decision out of their hands by directing the company to grant negotiating rights to a specified union."

But Mr Stan Davison, assistant general secretary of ASTMS in charge of the union's chemical industry responsibilities, said: "To proceed with this ballot is destructive of good industrial relations, and provocative to the staff whom we represent.

"Whatever the result, we will refuse to acknowledge it and will proceed with our own claim. As the company have insisted on doing it, they will have to live with the mess that has been created."

ASTMS' claim to have at least 20 per cent of the group in membership has not yet been audited, but the union is almost certain to seek to use the new legislation when it comes into force to back up its claim.

State backing sought for diesel project

By Peter Hill

Talks with ministers are being sought urgently by two diesel engine building companies for backing a joint project which they claim has enormous overseas sales potential.

Mr Ben Crowdy, managing director of Hawthorn Leslie (Engineers), which has been involved in a five year development programme on the Seahorse diesel engine project with the now state-owned Doxford Engines, said yesterday that he hoped to arrange a meeting shortly with Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry and Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy.

Development costs so far have involved £1.75m, and after the government's takeover of the Court Line group's marine interests, including Doxford Engines, the plan has received about £100,000 in state assistance.

The Seahorse, a medium speed diesel engine which is British in design and development, could be used as the main engine in merchant ships or as power generation units.

Both companies have had discussions during the past few months with the Central Electricity Generating Board in an attempt to enlist the board's support for the commissioning of a small power station using the Seahorse engine.

Nigeria raises oil price

By Roger Vielvoye

Nigeria has increased the price of its oil by 40 cents a barrel after a decision to reduce the profit margins allowable by the oil companies on their 45 per cent share on national output.

The government set price rises in motion at the beginning of the month by increasing by 24 cents a barrel the amount companies have to pay for buying part of the government share of production.

Companies including the Shell-British Petroleum consortium have now been told that the posted price has been adjusted so that tax and royalty payments are increased by about 20 to 25 cents a barrel.

Until now the companies have been receiving about 50 cents a barrel profit and the new price structure will bring margins down to levels permitted by the oil-producing countries in the Middle East.

Adjustments of this sort, officially related to the quality of the crude, do not need to be officially approved by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec). It comes at a time when demand for high quality, light Nigerian crude is rising.

The influential *Petroleum Intelligence Weekly* said yesterday that a "storm of protest" was building up among the oil companies. They argued that this created a severe cash flow problem

EEC steel production drops 20pc

European steel production last year fell by nearly 20 per cent on production levels achieved in 1974, according to preliminary figures issued yesterday. Total EEC steel production amounted to 125.1 million tonnes compared with a total of 155.6 million tonnes the previous year, representing a fall of 19.6 per cent.

Production in EEC steel-producing countries last month amounted to just under nine million tonnes, which was the lowest monthly level recorded since the August holiday month and nearly 27 per cent less than in the same month of 1974.

The steel industry throughout the world has been badly hit by the recession—the worst for 40 years. French steel has been one of the hardest hit, and provisional figures published yesterday by the French steel industry federation recorded a production drop for the year of 20.4 per cent to a total of 21.52 million tonnes.

The federation estimated that French steel prices last year fell by an average of 27 per cent compared with an average fall of 32 per cent in West German steel prices and a fall of 40 per cent experienced by Belgian steelmakers.

Britain's private sector and public sector steel production figures for last month and for the whole of last year will be published later this week. They are expected to show that total production was around 17 million tonnes compared with a capacity of 25 million tonnes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pension funding: two counter arguments

From Mr Raymond Nottage

Sir, In his letter (January 6) stating the traditional arguments in favour of funding pension liabilities, Mr Lander, chairman of the National Association of Pension Funds, asserts that benefits accrue at some future and unpredictable date from the expense, often very considerable, of accumulating a pension fund and maintaining it to good actuarial standards.

This was precisely the argument that in 1919 impressed the Norman Committee on *The Superannuation of Persons Employed by Local Authorities in England and Wales*—see paragraph 49. Now, more than 50 years later, are there any local authorities whoe rate demands in April next will be lower as a result of having superannuation funds than they would have been with a pay-as-you-go system, even allowing for the abnormal pension costs arising from local government reorganization? I very much doubt it.

The truth of the matter is that long-standing pension funds continue to give rise to painfully real and immediate costs, while their benefits have the distressing characteristic of the mirage. This is due in some part to inflation over the past 40 years. But does Mr Lander see an early end to this and no possibility of its recurrence?

It is because of the unsuitability of the times to the classic concept of pension funding that I have been suggesting that pensions need to be considered in a much wider context than that of the individual employer.

It is good of Mr Lander to participate in the discussion of this important matter. He would render a further valuable service, I suggest, if he would persuade the members of his association to publish the accounts of their funds for, say, the past 10 years and to do the same with their future accounts. We should all then be able to engage in public debate, which cannot fail to be salutary, on a broader base of indisputable fact.

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From Mr G. E. Barrow

Sir, In his letter (January 6), the chairman of the National Association of Pension Funds has contrasted the commonly accepted funded approach for the provision of pensions with the pay-as-you-go method, tenaciously advocated by Mr Raymond Nottage. I believe Mr Lander is right and Mr Nottage wrong.

But there is another aspect which is not immediately obvious from Mr Lander's letter. It is not possible to forecast with any certainty the optimum size of any of the major revenue producing public corporations even 10 years ahead, let alone a generation hence; each may need to be larger or significantly smaller than at present.

The process of slimming a massive organization is difficult enough even when the need for such reduction has become manifest. If the current revenue of such a reduced organization were to be charged with paying the inflation proofed pensions of the pensioners surviving from the preceding generation, when the corporation was larger both in terms of numbers employed and revenue, then the burden on current revenue could be insupportable.

We as taxpayers will be told: "If you decide to reduce the scale of the corporation's operations, then you must take over our pension liability to our existing pensioners." The probable outcome is that this will provide yet another reason for inaction, so that the corporation in question will be forced to remain on a larger scale than its chairman and board believe to be viable.

For this reason, if for no other, I am totally opposed, on grounds of public finance, to allowing the revenue producing nationalized corporations to shuffle off their pension promises on to a future generation. I hope they will turn a deaf ear to Mr Nottage's beguiling siren song.

Yours faithfully,
G. E. BARROW,
Reform Club,
Pall Mall,
London, SW1,
January 6.

Equality on the 'floor' of the SE

From Mr D. Riches

Sir, Will we now have on the "floor" of the Stock Exchange both waiters and waitresses?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID RICHES,
79 Lancaster Road,
South Norwood,
London SE25 4BL.
December 30.

Fresh look at salvaging failed firms

From Mr P. Rice-Evans

Sir, I sympathize with the Cabinet's decision to maintain the Chrysler company in Britain. But I noticed in the debate the Government was confronted essentially with two possibilities: to allow collapse or to pump money into an inefficient enterprise. Perhaps one should ask whether this limited range of options reflects a debilitating rigidity in our practices and institutions.

In the light of this case I suggest that company law be changed to recognize a third state of existence; not the normal healthy state, not the state of liquidation, but an intermediate state of examination.

It might work like this: when a company gets into difficulties it calls in the "examiner" who proceeds drastically to curtail dividends and to cut the wages and salaries by (say) half. Many employees would leave to take better paid jobs elsewhere; many would choose to go on the dole. Perhaps half the workforce would continue working because for them work itself has a value. With a reorganization of men and resources, and with proper employee participation, the company might slowly be nursed back to good health, the wages restored to a satisfactory level and the company again declared viable.

Such a procedure would be like giving lame ducks some medical attention; large enterprises might be salvaged without the need for public money; and the terrible hardship to those made redundant, that must follow the closure of a company, might be obviated.

I am arguing, Sir, for more flexibility. It seems wrong that a few poor designs, or bad management over a short period, or temporarily adverse economic conditions, can cause the destruction of potentially valuable commercial enterprises—which are, after all, national assets.

Of course the position of competitors in Britain would have to be safeguarded; but the matter should be seen in the context of international rivalry. I have the honour to be, Sir, your humble servant,
PETER RICE-EVANS,
Bedford College,
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DATE AND PLACE OF FIRST MEETINGS: Creditors 26th January 1976, at Room 239 Templar House 81 High Holborn London WC1V 6NP at 2.00 o'clock
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6 March 1976.

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Base rate rationale

s apparently touch and go yesterday morning whether ast one of the clearing would drop its base rate re than ½ a point, although ms likely that the drop l have been ¾ of a point than the full one point had been mooted. That ect was, in any case, d in the bud by an un- flurry of borrowing, fied primarily as for tax ses, which suggested that arlier fears about heavier usual tax demand might e wholly misplaced.

point about the tax ring season is that this for the first time com- s face severe Inland ue penalties in the form per cent interest charge l tax bills due after Janu- l which are late. Some e clearers, therefore, felt ould be prudent to hold in case a flood of borrow- demand developed with they could not cope.

the event this has not ened and the money mar- remained easy for most of week. Yesterday's flurry, ver, suggests that there still be spasmodic borrow- ressures from this source, in the meantime, at the shortest end of money ets, rates resisted the gen- tendency to decline.

Minimum Lending Rate s down again this Friday, will be a further incen- for the banks to move in line, but a ¼ point drop d be unlikely and there d well be a counter-desire old on a little longer until e is more certainty about continuing easier trend in and about those residual borrowing requirements. the rest, it is becoming asingly difficult for the ling societies to justify ng their own rates at nt levels.

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Robinson had a particu- strong first half on the ational insurance broking Over a half of total brok- rnover of £6.26m during riod—a rise of 35 per cent received in foreign ncies.

iously, the weakening of g had a marked impact conversion of overseas gs, but the figures do also an increased volume of ss, from North America ticular.

g Robinson is, however, dependent on North ca than is Sedgwick , for example, and brok- s had a good first half in arts of the world, includ- e United Kingdom. The s expectations are that ear-end figures should a "significant increase" e shares rose 7p to 155p ight on the strength of Pre-tax profits could well tween £6m and £6.5m this against £4.68m last year, hat throws up a prospec- p/e ratio of under 8— t for the insurance brok- ctor.

is not one of those brok- tuations where the share is discounting too much way of future earnings and which are thus able to underwriting y limitation problems. ield on HR at 155p is 3½ per cent. Unexciting, lds generally are poor in ctor. Cover is generous, r, in HR's case (around s) and this offers some r the future.

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ization £30m
8.13m (£5.90m)
profits £2.02m (£1.45m)
d gross 3.0p (2.8p)

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Anker's arture

le of years ago news of parture of Mr Peter s managing director of MEPC would have sent the shares tumbling. But the cult of the property man is long dead and buried, and yesterday the shares eased only 4p to 93p on the news. The market clearly takes the view that one chief executive more or less makes little difference to a company which, like so many of its fellow developers, depends more upon the continued forbearance of its bankers than upon the flair of its management.

MEPC without Mr Anker at the helm looks, in the short run at least, very similar to MEPC with Mr Anker. But the shift in board influence may have interesting implications for the group in the longer term. Once its immediate problems have been resolved there remains the question of where to go from there.

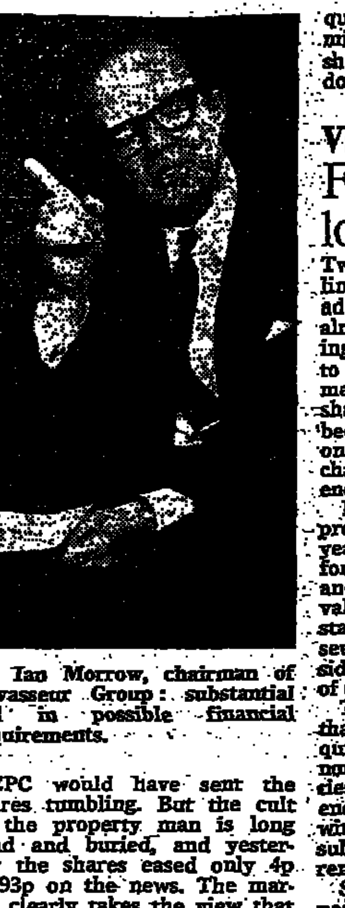
For the time being MEPC's road ahead is clear. After last year's £10.1m income deficit the group needs to find tenants for its completed but unlet developments in this country, Australia and in Belgium; it must complete the rationalization of its loss-making housebuilding side; it has to dispose of, or to develop the £150m of development properties and sites which cost some £6m a year in interest costs just to hold; and it has the problem of repaying, or refunding around a quarter of its £400m of borrowings within the next five years.

To judge by MEPC's 1974-75 accounts it still has the financial muscle to carry the current income deficit long enough for disposals and for income from new lettings to cover the costs of the rendered down development programme. At the year-end there was still some £40m of cash deposits on hand, and a further $36m of standby facilities ready to be drawn upon in America.

At 93p, against reported net assets of 224p a share, the shares now adequately discount the next two or three years' struggle to bring the revenue account back into the black.

A new property man may eventually be appointed to take on the group's development role. But even for a company of MEPC's size, development finance may not be as readily available in the late 1970's as it was a few years ago. And so MEPC faces a dilemma which now face all of the leading companies in the sector. Changes in both the financial and the political climates have reduced, and possibly killed, the scope for the kind of acquisitive and development growth which characterized the property industry until 1973's crash. And if the boom days are really gone forever where, other than as a ready made property portfolio for an insurance company or a pension fund, lies the future role for the development companies?

The departure of Mr Anker may force MEPC to face that question now. And gamblers *might* do worse than back the shares in hopes that the answer does mean an institutional bid.



Sir Ian Morrow, chairman of Vavasseur Group: substantial fall in possible financial requirements.

Vavasseur
Further losses

Two reconstructions down the line, Vavasseur has now had to add a further £3.2m to its already hefty provisions, bringing the total loss for the year to last June up to £3.9m and making a sizable inroad into shareholders' funds that had been nominally boosted to close on £9m by last winter's exchange of loan stock for preference shares.

Needless to say, the further provisions relate largely to last year's further decline in the fortunes of the property world and, more particularly, the value of security for the outstanding loans made by Vavasseur Trust, the banking subsidiary, and the carrying cost of those loans.

That said, Vavasseur reckons that its maximum financial requirements (for other than normal ongoing trading activities) are down from £72m at end 1973 to £20m at end 1975, with every prospect of a further substantial reduction in the current year.

Shareholders' funds of £4.5m need to be stood against the £8.1m redeemable value of the preference capital (1981) and the £10.6m of goodwill included in assets. Of the latter figure, the £4.5m relating to Harlow Meyer is justified by the option to sell to Hambros. The £6m attributable to Mills & Allen is, apparently, justified on the grounds of that company's long-term earnings potential though the stock market has yet to show similar confidence.

Turner Mnfg
Dana helps

Speculation about Dana Corporation's intentions towards Turner Manfacturing, in which it has held a 35 per cent stake for four years, has inevitably followed the partial bid of the American vehicle parts producer for the shares in another United Kingdom motor component company, Brown Brothers, not already under its wing.

Anything is possible, though Dana's world-wide strategy has tended towards the minority stake philosophy. Turner's share price over the past month has not been signalling any such development and in any case under the terms of the original link-up Turner's board would have to approve any takeover.

On the trading side, Turner's jump in pre-tax profits from £1.29m to £1.88m in the year to September 27 again show how much better component manufacturers are faring than the industry they supply.

This is partly explained by Turner's increased penetration of overseas markets in the United States, Europe and latterly the Far East as well; exports now account for 21 per cent of sales against 15 per cent a couple of years ago.

Turner is also rather an exception among the engineering sector in that last year's high level of capital spending of £1.3m on plant modernization came out of cash flow and though there is now a small overdraft the balance sheet is strong. Earnings of at least £2m are likely this year to put the shares on a prospective p/e ratio of around 6½ at 67p and yielding 7.5 per cent on the latest dividend. One snag, though, is that with Dana and family interests controlling more than half the issued capital the shares are a tightish market.

Final: 1974-75 (1973-74)
Capitalization £6.7m
Sales £16.7m (£12m)
Pre-tax profits £1.88m (£1.29m)
Earnings per share 9p (5.6p)
Dividend gross 5p (4.5p)

Campaigning for a day-release education package for young workers

Eric Wigham discusses moves towards the fulfilment of a longstanding TUC objective

The Trades Union Congress is to increase its pressure this year for more boys and girls between 16 and 18 to be released from work one day a week to continue their education. Ultimately it wants all qualifying workers to be released, a scheme which, unless financed by the government, would impose a heavy burden on industry.

In November the TUC called a conference of member unions at which it was agreed that day release was a first educational priority. Following this it sent a deputation on the subject to the Department of Education and Science, the third in 18 months.

A few days later Lord Crowther-Hunt, DES Minister of State, declared that both he and Mr Fred Mulley, the Secretary of State, regarded provision for 16 to 19-year-olds as one of their highest priorities. He said that under statutory arrangements in West Germany, about 85 per cent of young people in employment receive part-time education whereas in this country the proportion is only 20 per cent.

Mr Mulley has promised a statement of policy on day release after consulting those concerned. In the meantime, the General Council of the TUC, while still pressing for legislation, has accepted a recommendation from its education committee that unions should be encouraged to make it an issue in this year's bargaining round.

This was strongly advocated at the November conference by Mr Roy Grantham, of APEX (the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff), with support from other speakers. APEX is one of the few unions to take industrial action on the issue.

Employers do not see how they can possibly foot the bill for compulsory day release. The Confederation of British Industry attempted some costing of the scheme in 1971. Bringing those figures up to date, it reckons that the cost to industry of paying all boys and girls for a day a week on which they did no productive work would amount to more than £100m.

In addition the nation would have to provide capital expenditure for accommodation and equipment of nearly £200m. It says that about 20,000 more teachers would be needed and the extra annual cost would be more than £70m.

The TUC would certainly not accept such figures. It believes much under-used accommodation could be made available in educational and other institutions. It points out that there are many teachers unemployed, and that the DES is now thinking in terms of 36 days a year, rather than 44, to correspond with the scholastic year.

The TUC has been pressing for compulsory day release for half a century. It was conceded in the 1944 Education Act as part of the scheme for county colleges which was never put into effect.

Unable to get concessions from the last Conservative government, the TUC supported a campaign, organised in 1973 by the Association of Teachers in Technical Institutions, and took part in public meetings in seven main industrial centres, but without making much impression.

However, the Labour Party in their last election manifesto promised "increased opportunities for further education and training, including compulsory paid day release". Mr Reg Prentice as well as Mr Mulley expressed support for the principle, without actually doing anything about it. And, meanwhile, the number of boys and girls getting day release, which had dropped from 275,000 in 1964 to 190,000 in 1973, continued to fall.

The TUC told the Government that progress could not be made unless a statutory requirement was placed on employers and urged that a target date for its general introduction should be specified. The Government would not commit themselves to this and said it would be necessary to proceed by stages.

The TUC then produced a paper suggesting various possible first stages. Day release might be made compulsory, it was suggested, just for certain categories of workers, or in specified areas or industries, or in firms over a certain size, or up to a lower age limit than 18.

When it saw the minister again in April last year, he suggested a series of pilot schemes to explore the problems raised but said the Government were still not prepared to fix a date for general compulsion. On that major point it had not moved at the time of the deputation in November. But discussions have taken place at official level about the introduction of pilot schemes.

The TUC considers that what it is advocating is a major educational reform. Its education committee are dealing with it and the emphasis is on general rather than vocational education such as is now most commonly provided in day release courses.

This emphasis diverges strikingly from that of the CBI who consider day release justified only where the course taken is relevant to the training of the youngster concerned. It says it is not its duty to pay for further general education and if day release were to be enforced for that purpose the cost would need to be met by a government grant.

The TUC, who want compulsion to be applied to the young worker as well as his employer, has a wider if, some may say, less down-to-earth view. Some of them point out that the worker today is being asked to accept new responsibilities, to exercise a greater control over his own job, to participate in management, to be a long-sighted member of his union, and through his representatives to share in the framing of economic and industrial policy and exert an influence on government decision-making. How can the social contract be sold to people who do not have an elementary understanding of the social wage?

The courses would be designed to act as a bridge between school and the adult world, to enable the student to understand something of the factors which affect industry and the economy, to learn the way national and local governments work.

New generation of German bankers face continued criticism of 'excessive' power

This year a new generation is taking over at the top of West German private sector banking. At no less than four of the five largest private sector banks, the incumbent chief executive or managing board "spokesman" will vacate his present suite of offices after this year's annual shareholders' meeting. All will go on to hold positions in the supervisory boards of their banks, but the day-to-day running and decision making will pass to other hands.

Although the new line-up is already to a large extent fixed the names of the successors are not yet well known either in Germany or abroad.

Herr Robert Dhom will take over from Paul Lichtenberg at the Commerzbank, Dr Max Hackl from Dr Werner Premauer at Bayerische Vereinsbank, while at the Bayerische Hypotheken und Wechselbank Dr Wilhelm Arendts appears the most likely successor to the present chief executive and one time *enfant-terrible* of the German private banking sector Dr Anton Ernstberger.

Only at Deutsche Bank is the succession as yet unresolved but there, at least, the names of the front running candidates are more familiar. The successor to the chief executive, Herr Franz Heinrich Ulrich, will probably be appointed in May.

At present the most likely candidates are Wilfrid Guth and F. Wilhelm Christians (who is also president of the private sector banking association) although there is also a precedent for succession to pass to two men as in 1967 when Hermann J. Abs handed over to Herr Ulrich and Dr Karl Klasen, who later became head of the Bundesbank.

Whatever else their talents, the new men at the top will have to be adept at public relations. The big private banks are an easy target for criticism. Banks everywhere are powerful, but in Germany, because of the universal bank system, the larger ones at least are endowed with some very tangible attributes of economic power.

This is most marked in the case of the "big three" private sector banks—the Deutsche Bank, Dresdner Bank and Commerzbank. Besides offering all banking services under one roof, acting in effect as money supermarkets, the big private banks have considerable direct influence over the productive sectors of the economy.

It is well known that under German law, banks can hold stakes in companies that are active in other fields than banking. Executive board members from the big banks sit on the supervisory boards of large industrial and commercial concerns. The banks also manage the share holdings of most of their customers and represent their interests at annual shareholders' meetings.

It is this direct influence in industry and commerce that provokes the most criticism and it is in this area that the banks have been most active in defending themselves.

The private banking association for example, in the last few years has developed into an effective public relations machine for the banking community. It frequently runs newspaper advertising campaigns and has even provided its members with standardized arguments to use in persuading critics of the system of its virtues.

The bankers' arguments have much to recommend them. It is a fact that 60 per cent of German banking is in the public sector. Competition is fierce and a customer whether large or small is always free to take his business elsewhere.

The big three, which always provoke the most allergic reactions among the critics, can hardly be said to have cornered the market. None has more than 5 per cent of the total balance-sheet assets of the German banks. Furthermore their universal character is being increasingly emulated by the large Landesbanken, the central clearing institutions of the savings banks.

Bank portfolios

On the specific points, there are good historical reasons for the large corporate shareholdings in bank portfolios, the supervisory board posts and the exercise of shareholders' voting rights at annual meetings, and sound practical objections for not scrapping these overnight.

West German bankers will acknowledge that there are some jewels among their industrial holdings—Deutsche Bank's 28 per cent stake in Daimler Benz is an example—but insist that others are more like millstones around their necks.

Many holdings in what are today flourishing enterprises were acquired in times of crisis such as the 1930s when the alternative would have been to let the concern in question go to the wall. Examples here are the bank holdings in the two major publicly quoted department store groups, Karstadt and Kaufhof.

The banks also argue that their holdings do not represent industrial ambition and most favour reducing their number. This may be the case today but it is not so many years since Dr Ernstberger, of Bayern Hypo, was snapping up breweries throughout Germany in an attempt to put together a national beer making concern.

The lack of a strong German stock exchange and the country's tax laws make it difficult to place share packages with the general public. Deutsche Bank, for example, took the best part of a year to come up with a solution for placing the 29 per cent holding in Daimler formerly owned by the Flicks and yet Daimler is one of the best performers on the German company scene.

Furthermore, German tax rules accord intercompany tax privileges, where holdings are at least 25 per cent, meaning that a piecemeal placement would be a disservice to the bank's own shareholders.

Statistics can also be used to support the bankers' case. The banks hold less than 7 per cent of the total capital of Germany's quoted companies, and although 80 per cent of this total is in the hands of the big three, their shareholdings represent less than 5 per cent of their balance sheet assets.

The direct influence of the banks on the supervisory boards of large companies is considerable but less pronounced than it was. In his heyday, Hermann Josef Abs of the Deutsche Bank held some 30 supervisory board posts, a situation that changed with the so-called "Lex Abs" of 1965 which limited the supervisory board positions that any one person might hold to 10.

Today few people object to the appointment of one or two bankers to a large company's supervisory board particularly as they rub shoulders with perhaps an equal number of trade unionists whose position is assured through *Mitbestimmung*, the legislation for worker codetermination on supervisory boards.

As in other sectors, the banks have recognized the value of a self denying ordinance. On the new supervisory board of Mercedes Automobil Holding AG, for example, Deutsche Bank has deliberately refrained from allocating itself a position even though it is managing its flotation as a public company.

While the banks are prepared to defend company participations and supervisory board positions, they insist that they are anxious to be rid of the duty of exercising shareholders' rights at annual general meetings.

They stress that in exercising shareholders rights, they in no way enjoy an unlimited proxy right. According to the law, a shareholder's bank can only represent his interests for a maximum of 15 months, and this power can be withdrawn by the shareholder at any time. Furthermore, the bank must make its proposals known and also inform the shareholder of opposition moves at annual meetings.

The banks lament that all this costs them a great deal of effort and time but that they adhere to the system as no one has come up with a better one. This is true, but the lack of interest of the average shareholder means that at annual meetings, banks can cast a massive vote and it is usually in favour of the establishment.

Reluctant

But while quick to point to the limitations of their actual power, the banks are normally reluctant to enlarge on the question of their influence. They do not, for example, make a great deal of the fact that German industry's short and long term bank borrowings are four times total liabilities to share and bondholders. It is arguable that their great strength lies in personal relations rather than in the institutional ramifications of power.

German banking and industrial top management forms a pretty solid old boy network of like-minded men through which the power of the banks seeps far more effectively than through industrial holdings or the exercise of shareholders' rights.

The old concept of a "house bank" for every large company is no longer valid. When AEG-Telefunken hit hard times last year, no less than 25 banks underwrote the capital increase that it desperately needed to put through. More recently, no fewer than 38 banks were involved in the first stage of negotiations to reorganize the Glöggler textile group after it had fallen into serious liquidity difficulties.

But it is not unusual for top bankers to speak of "befriended" industrial groups and it was to such groups as Bosch and Siemens that the Deutsche Bank turned for new members for the Daimler Benz supervisory board last summer and to take over a small part of the Flick share package in Daimler.

Bankers can appear as king makers and take over as company doctors. After Dr Carl Hahn had been effectively fired as sales chief of Volkswagen, Deutsche Bank played a considerable role in placing the undoubtedly able manager at the head of Continental Gummi-Werke, Germany's largest but ailing tyre group.

Similarly it was Jürgen Ponto, the chief executive of Dresdner Bank and supervisory board chief of AEG, who rescued the career of Walter Cipa. Last year Herr Cipa resigned as chief executive of the Gelsenberg oil and energy group after it had been swallowed by the Veba concern, but after less than one month's unemployment was appointed to the managing board of AEG which he will chair from the middle of this year.

At present a special Government commission is investigating the power of the banks, their universal role and the importance of their industrial entanglements. Its work is surrounded by a complete news blackout and it is not due to report until 1977.

Whatever its findings, it is unlikely that the government of the day will be too keen to overturn the present system.

Peter Norman
Bonn

Business Diary: Passport to the Palace • The other Scanlon

last year Business Ross Davies argued that about time some new breathed into the flag- een's Award to Industry

day, three months after cial review under the nship of HRH the Duke urgh, comes news that Diary wasn't all that

said in July "... Des- e title (the Queen's o Industry), the Queen enuously involved. The resentation is usually n her behalf by her ieutenant".

the 1976 awards are to nced on Her Majesty's birthday on April 21, will in due course be d by Lords Lieutenant onies on the premises nning firms.

er, there is also to be tion at Buckingham which for the first ee representatives of or so winners will be to the Queen and to hilip.

her receptions are to on February 10 and to which one rep- e of each of the 750 divisions which have rds over the past 10 l be invited.

ecision, to add sub- the royal connexion, postdate the report wards scheme review is merely said: "We should, however, like to recommend that consideration should be given to additional ways in which to mark the achievement of award winners".

Two other possibilities which remain to made flesh are that unsuccessful applicants should be given some idea of why they failed, and the establishment of an Association of Queen's Award Holders on the lines of the Royal Warrant Holders Association.

Engineer's voice

Professional engineers and the 40 or so organizations that look after their needs are not always alone in regarding themselves as a dullish lot.

But there is one joker in the pack—the Society of Engineers, the third oldest organization in the field and among whose modest membership of around 4,000 both the enthusiasts and the individualist can readily find a home.

The description is that of the society's secretary, Leonard Griffith, who is proud of the fact that his organization has about the widest variety of engineers around—the main umbrella body for the top-tier chartered people, the Council of Engineering Institutions included.

But it is breaking new ground, even for the society, to elect as its new president a schoolmaster. He is Thomas Morgan Scanlon—no relation to Hugh of the engineering workers' union—deputy headmaster of Christopher Wren School, Hammersmith.

Scanlon has been teaching for 20 years, but is a qualified engineer with practical experience. This is probably just as well because, as Griffith explains, the society in its examinations stresses practical experience. "There are a lot of graduate engineers who would not get through our practical", he reckons.

Profitable talks

David Malbert, the City Editor of the London *Evening Standard*, will be holding forth from an unaccustomed platform at lunchtime today.

He will be delivering the first of a series of half-hour lunchtime talks on Money and Morality at the Church of St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall.

The talks are not the idea of the new Lord Mayor, Sir Lindsay Ring, as you might expect—St Lawrence Jewry is the church of the Corporation of London—but of the vicar, Basil Watson.

Watson says the idea dawned during the Distillers' thalidomide controversy, took shape during the secondary banking and property market slide, and was crystallized by Dr Coggan's recent call to arms.

Whether the City will hear anything that will surprise it remains to be seen. All but one of the six weekly speakers are highly-paid financial journalists working for organizations making little or no profit.

"You're going to say that given equality of pay and wealth for everyone there'd be just as much inequality in five years' time. Am I right? Well, in that case, we should impose equality every five years."

Print gremlin

Slipped into the front of the latest book on the Concorde is an unusual *errata* sheet which suggests that an anti-supersonic printer in the United States, where the book was printed, has been doing his best to down the Anglo-French bird.

The book, *Concorde*, by John Costello and Terry Hughes, and due to come out tomorrow week, the day that supersonic passenger services are started to Bahrain and Rio de Janeiro, has the original cost of the project as £1,000-£1,500m corrected to £100-£150m.

Every man, woman and child in Britain and France was said in 1973 to have contributed £100 to the project—corrected to £10.

Pan American would have had to find £1,000m for a small fleet of Concordes—corrected to £100m, and so on.

The book will not, we imagine, be among the goodies presented by either British Airways or Air France to passengers on inaugural flights.

Concorde, published by Angus and Robertson (£3.80).

Flagging image

The massive corporate advertising campaign that Chrysler is now mounting to freshen up its flagging image must be about the last straw for rival companies, like Ford and Vauxhall.

Ford executives, for example, were privately bitter about the Superdeal sales campaign launched in a series of expensive ads by Leyland cars last summer. Private sector car companies argue that expenditure on this scale could not be borne by car companies subject to current financial restrictions in these hard times.

Chrysler for the moment declines to say how much the current campaign in national and regional dailies and Sundays is costing, and merely cites "commercial necessity".

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Extracts from Directors' Report.

Over the financial year ended 31st October, 1975 the Financial Times Industrial Ordinary Share Index rose 78.6 per cent. and the Dow Jones Industrial Index 25.6 per cent. These rises were reflected in an improvement of 64.9 per cent. in the net asset value of our Ordinary Stock Units.

Despite the harmful effects of the free world's trade recession, and the continuing U.K. dividend control, the Board are pleased to report an increase in gross revenue to £1,278,432 (1974: £1,207,714). It is a source of satisfaction that, largely due to our continuing policy of achieving a high investment income whilst maintaining a substantial overseas content, we can recommend that the total gross dividend for the year be increased by 10 per cent. to 5.50p (1974: 5.00p).

During the year, we took part in the financing of British industry by subscribing to equity Rights Issues to a total of £368,750 and by participating in underwritings on a much greater scale than for previous years.

Main Features	1975	1974
Gross Revenue	£1,278,432	£1,207,714
Ordinary 25p Stock Unit		
Earnings	4.08p	3.97p
Paid or to be paid (Net)	3.575p	3.35p
Revenue Retained	£84,935	£103,887
Net Assets	£24,669,336	£15,811,962
Net Asset Value per Ordinary 25p Stock Unit	134p	81p

The Annual General Meeting will be held on 4th February, 1976 in London.

مكتبة رجال الاعمال

National Westminster Bank

Rate changes

National Westminster Bank announces that for balances in its books as from and including Tuesday, 13th January 1976 its Base Rate for lending is reduced from 11% to 10½% per annum and its Deposit Rate on all amounts lodged, *subject to seven days' notice of withdrawal*, is 6½% per annum

Saving Accounts will now attract interest at 6½% per annum

All other rates remain unchanged

Midland Bank Base Rate

Midland Bank Limited announces that with effect from January 13th 1976, its **Base Rate** will be 10½%, and that its **Deposit Rate** on amounts lodged at its branches subject to 7 days notice of withdrawal will be 6½% on balances of all amounts.

Savings Accounts will earn 6½% on balances of all amounts.

Midland Bank

Hill Samuel Base Rate

Hill Samuel & Co. Limited announce that with effect from today, Tuesday, January 13, 1976, their Base Rate for lending is reduced from 11 per cent to 10½ per cent per annum. At the same time, interest payable under the Bank's Demand Deposit Scheme on sums of £1,000 up to £100,000 is reduced to a rate of 8 per cent per annum.

Hill Samuel & Co. Ltd.
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Coutts & Co

Messrs. Coutts & Co. announce that, for balances in their books on and after the 13th January, 1976, and until further notice their Base Rate for lending is 10½% per annum. The Deposit Rate on all monies subject to seven days' notice of withdrawal is 6½% per annum.

This Advertisement is issued in compliance with the requirements of the Council of The Stock Exchange.

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Issue of up to £19,160,043 10 per cent. Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock 1987

The Council of The Stock Exchange has admitted the above mentioned Stock, which is being issued in exchange for the existing 5 per cent. Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock 1981, to the Official List.

Particulars relating to the Stock are available in Extel Statistical Services and copies of such particulars are obtainable during normal business hours on any weekday (Saturdays excepted) up to and including 27th January, 1976 from:-

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DRI secures record £1m December orders

Data Recording Instrument Company of Staines, the former ICL subsidiary which makes magnetic peripheral equipment, secured orders worth more than £1m during December.

This represents the best sales performance in any month since the formation of the company in 1956. Almost without exception, the orders were taken in direct competition with United States manufacturers.

The National Research Development Corporation holds a 45 per cent shareholding in DRI.

Export sales accounted for 70 per cent of the December orders. Another notable feature was the rise in new business;

Orders for disc drives worth about £250,000 came from ICL, which remains the company's largest single customer. More than £300,000 worth of disc drives were ordered by a French customer.

Deliveries to customers during December amounted to £762,000—a record production figure

In the three years since DRI separated from ICL to exploit fresh markets in the minicomputer field, the company reports, it has trebled its customer base and more than doubled its annual export sales.

Computer news

Mini flexibility

The minicomputer offers "considerably more flexibility to the systems designer than was the case when only large mainframe computers were available", and British Rail is taking full advantage of this flexibility, according to Sir Richard Marsh, British Rail chairman.

Speaking at the opening yesterday of a minicomputer exhibition at the United States Trade Centre, London, Sir Richard *said the range of computer* applications in British Rail was very extensive, and the results being obtained were impressive.

As a stand-alone device, the computer could give considerable processing power in a local environment. Car space reservations for cross-Channel ferries, and hotel reservations for the Golden Rail package holiday scheme, were two examples.

As a terminal coupled to a large mainframe computer, the mini offered great flexibility in the processing of information. British Rail's Total Operations Processing System (TOPS), adapted from a Southern Pacific Railroad system in the United States, incorporated more than 400 minicomputers.

This system, Sir Richard added, "has given us the ability, never before experienced in British Rail, to locate and identify any freight wagon in any part of the railway network at any time of the day or night, and instantaneously.

SA bank system

A £3.1m order for ICL computer equipment has been placed by Barclays National Bank (South Africa). When implemented, the system will form the most advanced banking computer network in that country.

Another recent ICL 2900 series order is for a £1.7m Model 2970 which will be used by the Inland Revenue in a new accounts office in Cumbernauld, Scotland.

Kenneth Owen

Industrial films

Builders show their scope

A particular aspect of British industry that shows up regularly and creditably on film is the overseas work of the civil engineers. Not so long ago we saw Costain building airports all over the world, and Tarmac reminding their audiences that they cope with other propositions than road building, in all kinds of places.

Lately two more major overseas works have been filmed. Taylor Woodrow, in association with W. J. Towell, of Oman, have handled the development of a remote area of the Emirate, building a harbour, roads, housing, a hospital and an airstrip. Their film, *A Thousand Days* (that, with presumably a little poetic licence, is how long it took), runs for 24 minutes and gives the outline of an operation that reflects credit on the ruler as well as the contractors.

Taylor Woodrow, a year or two back, showed *Rain from the Danube*, the story of an immigration project in Romania. Now Wimpeys have *Flaminda—Rain by Computer*, a 30-minute film record of "the world's first computer controlled fully automated on demand irrigation scheme". This was another cooperative effort with the Romanian government,

Wimpeys are using film more generally in what is intended to be a series of film magazines, *Wimpey News* (repeating the title of their established house magazine).

The extent to which the industry uses film is reflected in the thriving construction industry group of the British Industrial and Scientific Film Association. Their annual competition produces a wide coverage.

This year's award list included, as well as the major contractors (and some of their customers and suppliers, BP for instance, and Ford Tractors), the Building Research Establishment, the National Federation of Building Trades Employers and the Construction Industry Training Board.

A notable practitioner in this ancillary area of the industry is the Cement and Concrete Association. Their contribution to European Architectural Heritage Year, *A Heritage to Build On*, is one of this column's Films of the Year, and they have other outstanding films to their credit

Not that the Association confine themselves to film. At the other end of the audio visual scale *they make colour slide* sets, with supporting notes, for lecturers and teachers, on topics ranging from *Outstanding Concrete Structures* to *Trench Fill Foundations*. The sets, anything from six to 40 slides, sell briskly.

Eynon Smart

Business appointments

Two join Union Discount

Mr T. H. Beran and Mr D. G. Scholey have joined the board of Union Discount. Mr Bevan is deputy chairman of Barclays and Mr Scholey is vice-chairman of S. G. Warburg.

Mr A. R. Grant has been appointed a director of George Wimpey.

Mr R. C. Kernick has resigned as managing director of International Distillers and Vintners.

Mr Otto Schoeppler has become managing director of Chase Manhattan Limited, the London merchant bank subsidiary of Chase Manhattan Bank.

On the retirement of Mr C. G. Wastell, Mr Colin Thomas has become secretary general of the Corporation of Lloyd's.

Mr Alewyn Birch, joint managing director, becomes managing director of Granada Publishing; with Mr Terry Kitson sales director. Mr Ken Hills, managing director, Hart-Davis Educational, has been appointed a director of Granada Publishing. Mr Jim Reynolds has resigned as a joint managing director.

Mr Colin Newman has been made managing director of Quality Control International, following the retirement of Mr C. G. L. Bunt.

Mr Albert Spedding will become chief actuary with the rank of deputy general manager of United Kingdom Provident from April 1.

Mr Ward Stewart, managing director of Alcoa of Great Britain, has been appointed Alcoa's regional manager for Europe and Africa, with responsibility for manufacturing and sales operations in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. He will be based in London. Mr J. L. McLay, who has been managing director at International Alloys, Aylesbury, will take up a newly created post within Alcoa Britain. From February 1 he becomes managing director of Alcoa Manufacturing (GB) at Waunarlwydd Works, Swansea. Mr H. B. Grainger, formerly works director at Alcoa Manufacturing, Swansea, becomes manufacturing director. Mr W. Moulding, formerly managing director, Alcoa Foils (GB), Barking, will replace Mr McLay at International Alloys, and Mr R. W. Devereux, commercial director of Alcoa Foils, becomes managing director.

Mr Kirk R. Hagan, vice-president of Continental Illinois *National* Bank and Trust Co of Chicago, has been appointed general manager of the bank's London City branch. He succeeds Mr Robert L. Stahl, vice-president, who has been assigned to the bank's European regional headquarters in London,

Mr S. Walmsley has retired from the board of the Hammerson Property and Investment Trust. Mr R. C. Fletcher has been appointed a director and Mr T. L. Ratnage becomes company secretary in place of Mr Fletcher.

The following internal appointments have been made by Edgar Allen, Balfour: Mr D. F. Tiplady is now executive chairman of Alloy Steel Engineering; Mr D. F. Tiplady becomes non-executive chairman of Charles Snape & Co; Mr G. W. Wise has become executive chairman of Edgar Allen Steels and Mr H. Steenbergen is appointed director of administration; Dr J. D. Bailey becomes chairman of Edgar Allen Tools and Mr J. D. Lind, marketing director, Mr M. Hawley, finance director and Mr J. W. N. Wilson, production director, hand tools; Mr J. L. Hewitt is made executive chairman of George Turton Platts & Co and Mr J. K. Warburton becomes a non-executive director.

Sir Ralph Bateman will retire from the chairmanship and the board of Turner & Newall on July 31. Mr P. W. C. Griffith will become chairman, Mr S. Gibbs will be deputy chairman and Mr C. W. Newton and Mr J. K. Shepherd managing directors.

The Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, a director of National Westminster Bank, has been made a non-executive director of Lombard North Central. Mr R. E. Elliott has retired from the board.

Mr A. P. Ballantyne-Evans, Mr E. P. MacKenna and Mr J. R. C. Wren have joined the board of Mitchell Cotts Group.

Mr C. O. Gibb has been re-elected chairman of Lloyd's Underwriters' Association for 1976. Mr K. W. Bickle has been reelected honorary treasurer.

Mr Philip Shelbourne has become a non-executive director of Allied Breweries.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Equities have busiest day for nine months

As a sequel to Friday night's late rush the London market had its busiest session for nearly nine months. The number of bargains struck were more than 10,700. But this time the trade was two-way with the profits takers, *finally on top* after a tough struggle. Between 3 pm and the close the *FT* index lost 2.5 and at the end was down 7.2, at 394.4.

For most of the time gilts performed rather better than equities but even here the tone went weaker towards the close. At the long end of the market gains of up to three-quarters were recorded.

Hopes of a cut in Minimum Lending Rate on Friday were the main spur at the shorter end, while "longs" are still being helped by the prospect of lower inflation.

"Shorts" opened ¼ point harder and were actively traded at the higher levels for most of the day. Interest was centred on the 1976-79 area. Eventually gains were of the ⅛ or ¼ point order, apart from low-coupons which showed larger rises of *up to ¾ point*. The coupon rate on the "yearling" issue today is expected to be 10⅜ per cent.

Victoria Carpet shares are still only 17p where the historic yield is 12 per cent. In the year to March, 1975, the group slid into losses thanks to a carpet slump and an Australian setback. Since then recovery has been strong (profits in the half year to December were £244,000) and at least £500,000 seems likely for the full year.

"Longs" opened ¼ to ½ point higher. Although standing higher than this at one stage in the session they tended to close with gains of about this size. There were no real signs of profit-taking.

The latest retail price index put an end to the recent strength of store shares. Marks & Spencer losing 5p to 103p, British Home Stores 3p to 356p and Gus "A" 2p to 213p. W. H. Smith often a soft spot, proved a notable exception with the "A" shares going ahead 5p to 360p.

"Blue chips" were well mixed at the close. On the upside Fisons were 3p to the good at 398p, Beechams 2p to 354p and ICI 2p to 355p. On the downside both Boots 142p and Unilever 444p lost 6p while Dunlop, a firm market at the end of last week, gave up 3p to 74p.

Banks shares were active but depressed by cuts in base rates. All four of the clearers gave up 5p leaving National Westminster at 262p, Lloyds at 250p, Midland at 295p and Barclays at 315p. Discount houses were given a boost by the strength of the gilt-edged market and Union Discount, where figures are scheduled for next week, hardened 5p to 385p, Alexanders 5p to 248p and Cater *Ryder 2p to 285p*.

Advances of a point or two were recorded on the insurance pitch, but the best features came from broking firms like Hogg Robinson, where better interim profits boosted the shares *7p to* 155p, C. E. Heath ahead by 5p to 290p and Sedgwick Forbes also 5p firmer, to 248p.

Property shares were busy though the tone was mixed. A board reshuffle left MEPC weaker by 4p to 93p, but the pick of the bunch was Hammerson which jumped ahead by 10p to 368p. Some feel that now some of the smaller companies' shares have gone over par we might even see a number of rights issues.

On the bid front Emu Wine added another 5p to 155p awaiting developments from Australia, while news of a property sale helped Savoy Hotel "A" to go a penny better to 26p and Telefusion were to the good at 29p on an acquisition. The new contract with the Post Office helped Freemans (SW9) 144p to firm 1p.

In the general market trend oils fared worst than most with BP giving up 9½p to 603p and Shell 6p to 396p. Golds were hindered by the lower metal prices and losses ranged up to 50p in spite of a half-hearted attempt to rally.

Favourable comment gave a lift to Barratt Developments, up 3p to 126p, and Giltspur 3p to 41p, but less favourable mention had English China Clays off 4½p to 70p. Last week's *disappointing result left J. Waddington* 12p lower at 103p while the chairman's warning on profits had Allied Polymer 8p down to 71p.

Companies reporting included Yarrow, 3p easier to 124p after lower profits, Wellman Engineering, better *by half a point* to 37½p, and Turner Manufacturing, unchanged at 67p.

In after hours trading short-dated gilts managed to gain up to one-eighth in placed, but equities continued to go easier giving up a penny or two more. Stores and properties, in particular, came on offer but AG Barr were 5p higher at 132½p after a sharp rise in profits. Equity turnover on January 9 was £94.48m (21,479 bargains). According to Exchange Telegraph active stocks yesterday were ICI, Shell, BP, Barclays Bank, Boots, Marks & Spencer, Trafalgar House new, English China, Courtaulds, Dunlop, Thorn "A", House of Fraser, Ladbroke, Allied Polymer, Lamps Securities, English Property, MEPC, Lonrho and Babcock & Wilcox.

The 4m Plessey rights issue shares not already taken up were placed yesterday at a price of 75p. The placing was done at a slight discount to the market which saw the price ease 1p to 76p.

Latest dividends

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
A. G. Barr (25p) Fin	3.85	3.42	7/4	5.29	4.82
Braid Group (5p) Fin	0.76	0.71	—	11.21	10.6
Gloucs & Chelt'm (5p) Fin	0.57‡	0.51	9/2	0.73‡	0.56
Free State Dev Int	4*	4*	—	—	14*
Hogg Robinson (25p) Int	1.95	1.87†	27/3	—	3.22†
J'burg Cons Int	40*	40*	—	—	165*
Turner Mfg (25p) Fin	2.03	2.09	—	3.25	3.01
Wellman Eng (25p) Int	0.95	0.7	—	—	1.69

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross base. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54. * Cents a share. † Adjusted for scrip. ‡ Company's correction.

REED PAPER PLYWOOD VENTURE

Reed Paper states that its Reed Lumber Co subsidiary signed a preliminary agreement on a joint plywood venture in Delta, co, British Columbia. Reed will have 51 per cent of the venture, and 49 per cent will be held by Cantgree Forest Products owned by a subsidiary of Alpine International Corporation of Portland, Oregon.—Reuter.

Yarrow getting only £500,000 from shipbuilding offshoot

By Ronald Pullen

Yarrow, the Glasgow-based *shipbuilding* and engineering company and one of the Government's nationalization targets, has now released its annual figures for the year to end June, 1975.

These were delayed last year by the negotiations with the Ministry of Defence and the Department of Industry for permission to distribute a proportion of the profits from Yarrow (Shipbuilders) to the parent company. This was one of the conditions attached to the Ministry of Defence loan some five years ago.

Yarrow (Shipbuilders) has now been allowed to distribute £500,000 to its parent and this sum has been included in the latest figures. The Yarrow board considers that this is "totally inadequate in view of the substantial profits earned by Yarrow (Shipbuilders) and the strong financial position of that company".

The board adds that further representations have been made for a larger distribution which, if allowed, will be included in the next set of figures.

Despite an increase in turnover from £30.4m to £40.1m, profits before tax have slipped from £7.66m to £6.37m. Shipbuilding construction grants dropped from £1.39m to £287,000 and investment income and interest received fell from £1.5m to £1.36m.

The small rise in trading profits to £5.07m was further cut back by interest charges up from £185,000 to £346,000. Yarrow also had to bear a £86,500 debit as its share of the loss in Marine Oil Industry Repairs. A receiver has been appointed for MOIRA, where Yarrow held a 25 per cent stake.

From profits after tax of £3.12m, £2.2m has been transferred to special reserve in respect of the unappropriated profit of Yarrow (Shipbuilders). And there is a further extraordinary deduction of *£448,000*, *£188,000* of which arises from a bed and breakfast deal on quoted investments, and £260,000 for the MOIRA write-off.

As known, the dividend has been raised by the maximum allowed to 5.78p a share gross. Earnings a share before extraordinary items came out at 22.9p a share against 8.4p the previous year, and including unappropriated profits from Yarrow (Shipbuilders) are 77.9p against 103.4p.

Summer thirsts power A G Barr

Soft drink maker A. G. Barr has reason to bless the summer. It enabled the group to recover from a loss of £386,000 in the first six months to end the year to October 26 with a record £1.1m pre-tax profit. This compares with a profit of £260,000 a year ago. Turnover for the year went up from £12.8m to £17m.

A measure of the summer boom is that the £1.5m pre-tax profit made in the second half is 69 per cent higher than the previous record of £897,000 brought in over the whole of 1972.

Shareholders are to get a *dividend of 7.6p gross, against* 7.18p. The group, which has the Tizer, Jusoda and Strike Cola brands had forecast a return to profits for the second half before the weather intervened.

The CSO figures show De Beers are on the mend

By Desmond Quigley

De Beers is coming out of the trough. This is indicated by second half figures released today by its Central Selling Organization (CSO), which controls about 85 per cent of the world's diamond sales.

The devaluation of the rand in September made a dramatic impact on the CSO's rand earnings, but there was also a significant improvement in United States dollar terms in the second half.

The last six months are traditionally weak. Even so they managed to halt the slide by chipping in $544m to bring the total to $1,066m for the full year, *compared* with $1,254m for 1974. This represented an improvements of just over 4 per cent on the first half.

However, in rand terms, the proceeds from the diamond sales rose 23 per cent in the second half to R438m to give a total for the year of R793m against R849m. *Compared with* the second half of last year dollar sales rose 19 per cent and by nearly 40 per cent when converted into rand.

The United States, Japanese and German economies are reviving and the prospect for diamond sales—particularly at the larger end—must be good. This year the CSO will also benefit from a full 12 months of devaluation

Barclays Bank Base Rate.

Barclays Bank Limited and **Barclays Bank International Limited** announce that with effect from the close of business on 12th January, 1976 their Base Rate was decreased from 11% to 10½% per annum. The basic interest rate for deposits was decreased by ½% from 7% to 6½% per annum.

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INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE BROKERS, UNDERWRITING AGENTS & TRAVEL and FREIGHT AGENTS.

39% profit increase at half year

Extracts from the Interim Statement by the Chairman Mr Francis Perkins.

The profit for the half year to 30th September 1975 was £2,020,000 showing an increase of 39% over the same period in the previous year. The increase in Group turnover during this period was 38%. Insurance Broking turnover amounted to £6,260,000 of which 53% was received in foreign currencies.

The improvement in our international broking business has been particularly satisfactory, with the flow from North America showing increased buoyancy. The broking companies engaged in United Kingdom business have made a satisfactory start to the year, and the Transport Division profits for the six months were higher than anticipated. These figures encourage the expectation that the year-end results will show a significant increase.

An interim dividend of 1.95p. per ordinary share will be paid. This is equivalent to 3p. per share gross, compared with 2.8p. per share (after adjustment for the capitalization issue) declared last year.

The consolidated trading results (unaudited) were as follows:

	Half-year ended 30.9.75 £000	Half-year ended 30.9.74 £000	Year ended 31.3.75 £000
Group Turnover	8,130	5,900	14,511
Profit*	2,020	1,450	4,683
Dividend (gross equivalent)	3.00p	†2.80p	†4.88p

*Before taxation and minority interests.
†After adjustment for capitalization issue 18.11.75

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A good gain by Wellman but orders drop

Wellman Engineering, the manufacturer of steelmaking plants, boosted pre-tax profits in the half year to the end of September by 36 per cent. This meant a £100,320 rise to £375,758.

The company reports that the order book now stands at £16m compared with £14.3m. But there has been a "noticeable decline" in the level of orders received over the last three months. Even so the directors anticipate that full year profits will exceed the level of the previous 12 months unless economic and industrial conditions deteriorate to an unforeseen extent.

Pre-tax profits were spurred by a turnround of an associated company from losses of £8,240 into a profit of £1,087. However, below the line there are extraordinary charges of £18,863 compared with £21,135 reflecting currency realignments and a reduction in the share of associated company cumulative profits.

An interim gross dividend of 1.463p per share has been declared, compared with 1.269p. If last year's profits are exceeded the company intends to recommend the maximum dividend allowed.

Heenan Spark now wound up

Investment, industrial and financial group Heenan Spark was compulsorily wound up in the High Court. The petition was presented by Heenan Beddow Securities, a creditor, for £3.46m. No other creditors gave notice supporting or opposing the petition, as it was unopposed.

Telefusion buys 2 Trident chains

Two deals are announced by Telefusion, including the purchase of a North-West discount chain and the remaining 50 per cent of Combined Precision Components (Preston).

For £140,000 cash, it has acquired Fairview (Television) which operate 10 Trident discount centres in the N-W region, while entering into a conditional agreement for the half of CPC not already owned for some £225,000 cash.

CPC operates 14 Trident discount centres in Scotland besides a television components business. CPC has agreed conditionally to sell the component side to Mr R. Duckett, a director of Telefusion, and family interests for £222,000 cash.

Bowater props up its Dutch unit

Amas NV says H. Bowater Corp, which holds 76 per cent of its share capital, will assume direct responsibility for Amas' Belgian unit, Synkin, to secure the future of the parent concern. Unfavourable developments at Synkin—particularly in its caravan construction division, have led to a reduction in Amas' own resources to about 4.4m florins, including 1.4m of capitalised goodwill, compared with 11.2m at the end 1974.—Reuter.

Astra in boom year

The Midlands-based steel and engineering group Astra Securities, which recently took over Zinc Alloy Rust-Proofing for £750,000 has achieved a 22.9 per cent rise in pre-tax profits for the six months to October 30 to £311,000.

This was on turnover of £3.5m, against £3.3m, and does not include the new subsidiary. The improvement in profits continues for the second half, so the record £549,000 profit for 1975 looks like being beaten.

Earnings a share are 1.65p, against 1.34p, while the dividend is raised from 0.38p gross (after adjusting for last year's scrip issue) to 0.49p.

No early upturn at Alcan Booth

No major recovery is expected this year by Alcan Booth Industries. But there may be an upturn in 1977, Mr David Morton, managing director, said yesterday. He reported a pre-tax loss of £1.8m for the first half year to June 30 against a profit of £4m and turnover down from £60m to £55m. Turnover dropped by 25 per cent in volume in the first half compared with the same period.

Mr Morton said that customers seemed to have stopped destocking extrusion products and present orders generally reflect present consumption.

Lloyd's Register of Shipping has authorized the company to carry out its own certification of rolled plate as suitable for ship construction. Nippon Steel Corporation and Sumitomo Metal Industries are the only firms with similar approval. The authorization should help the company's plan to increase exports of general engineering aluminium plate, with particular emphasis on sales to France, Germany and Italy.

Alcan Booth is 75 per cent-owned by Alcan Aluminium UK, and 25 per cent by Kaiser Aluminium & Chemical Corporation.

Magnet & Southerns' 90pc acceptances

Acceptances by Magnet Joinery and Southerns-Evans shareholders for the offer by Magnet & Southerns, the product of the merger, shows 91.01 per cent acceptances for the Magnet ordinary shares and for S-E 93.25 per cent. For the preference capitals, acceptances were respectively 93.7 per cent and 97.64 per cent.

The offers, which declared unconditional on December 15 but remain open for acceptances. Magnet & Southern will in due course invoke the relevant powers under the Companies Act to purchase compulsorily the outstanding minorities.

Scottish Offshore

Scottish Offshore, the investment company managed by James Finlay Corporation, the Glasgow-based merchant bank, has agreed to buy Geen Adams Associates from Mr D. F. H. Geen and Mr M. P. L. Adams, both directors of Chansitor (the parent company of the UDI group). Geen Adams holds 18 per cent of Chansitor's equity.

After the deal, Geen Adams will underwrite a rights issue of ordinary shares and floating rate subordinated convertible unsecured loan stock 1985 of Chansitor, to raise around £116,000. As a result, Scottish Offshore's interest in Chansitor will rise to 20 per cent, and could reach about 35 per cent after converting the loan stock.

Far East imports hit R Smallshaw

R. Smallshaw (Knitwear) was well down at, and as the director learned last July, was also given the full year to September 30. Turnover climbed from £2.07m to £2.46m, but pre-tax profits plunged from £130,000 to £5,000. Earnings a share tumbled from 5p to 0.114p. In turn, the dividend, a single payment, slides from 2.74p gross to 0.77p.

Imports of knitwear from the Far East, and production expansion quickly followed by contraction in demand were largely to blame.

Savoy raises £2.6m by Clareville sale

The shares in Savoy Hotel hardened 1p to 26p on news that the group raised £2.6m by selling its Clareville House property site in the West End to a pension fund. Savoy, which reported a £359,000 loss for six months to June 30, will be renting the premises back on a 125-year lease.

The losses were blamed on higher financing and running costs for the group. It includes Claridges, The Berkeley, The Connaught Hotel, Stone's Chop House and Simpson's in the Strand.

Harvard Secs take up 23.6pc UU stake

As reported a month ago in *Business News* the deal between Mr Touker Suleyman and the receiver of Eldridge Stableford for the purchase of 1.37m (23.8 per cent) of UU Textiles ordinary fell through. The purchaser is now named as Harvard Securities. The parcel acquired by Harvard is 1.36m UU Textiles (23.6 per cent of the equity).

The UU board understands that these shares represent the bulk of the shares originally acquired by Eldridge Stableford. The receiver for Eldridge said in December that the shares had been disposed of at some 1.25p against 3p in the market.

Granada—Robinson

Shareholders of Robinson Rentals (Holdings) have approved the modified scheme of arrangement which allows for the transfer of the rump of the Robinson shares to Granada—which held nearly 84 per cent of the equity before the bid.

By far the greater number of acceptances (84.5 per cent of the eligible shares) were in exchange for 25p "A" shares in Granada, while the rest were for 196p cash a share. The scheme should become effective on or about February 20, and will involve the issue of 8.6m Granada "A" shares and about £1.1m cash.

Signs of upturn at Spooner Industries

Another manufacturing group seeing signs of an upturn is Spooner Industries, makers of ovens, dryers and coolers, for many industries. Mr W. Broughton, chairman, reports an "appreciable" improvement in orders and the group is handling more "serious" enquiries.

He believes the group has now turned a corner and hopes for better results for the year to September 30, 1976. These would follow last year's drop from £685,000 to £370,000 before tax. Closure of plants at three centres was largely completed by end September last and the associated costs of redundancy and severance pay were charged to the accounts.

Brigray optimistic

Losses continue at the Brigray Group of outerwear and jersey fabric makers. But the board is confident that there will be a good recovery in the year to January 1, 1977. Mr Thomas Wyner, who took over as chairman in September, says that "considerable progress has been made in reducing surplus stocks and accounts receivable".

The group, which supplies Marks & Spencer among others, also intends to achieve a sizeable reduction in its "excessive" overdraft.

Turnover in the six months to July 31, rose modestly from £1.07m to £1.1m, but pre-tax losses swelled from £53,000 to £97,000. There is again no interim dividend. Over the whole of last year pre-tax profits of £102,000 turned into a loss of £215,500.

Haden Carrier in N Sea venture

Haden Carrier and Rockall Scotia Resources Limited have joined forces to form Haden Rockall Maintenance, a company which offers a comprehensive maintenance service to the oil industry. This includes the design and application of systems for the maintenance of offshire production platforms.

Maintenance programmes will be controlled from a headquarters in Aberdeen, and will be able to call on Haden's huge mechanical, electrical, and instrument resources. Haden Rockall has also secured an agreement with Delta Metal Group whereby that group's subsidiary, British Electrical Repairs, will add its electric motor rewinding service to the overall package.

Mr Walter McKinlay, managing director of Haden Rockall, has had 15 years' management experience in the petroleum service company field. Initially, Haden Rockall is concentrating on the North Sea area.

Borel dividend boost

Catering group Jacques Borel International SA plans to raise its 1975 total dividend by 30 per cent over 1974, and to increase it by 50 per cent annually thereafter, its president, M Jacques Borel, said, Reuter reports from Paris.

It paid a total 1974 dividend of 8.25 francs (7.50) and earlier forecast a net profit of some 20m francs (16.2 mln) on pre-tax sales of 975m francs (797 mln) for calendar 1975.

'Excess' takes gilt off Braid advance

After deducting exceptional items relating chiefly to excess profits under the Counter-Inflation Act the pre-tax profits of vehicle distributor Braid Group rose 17 per cent to £345,000 in the year to September 30. In the opening half year, profits soared 74 per cent to £361,000. Turnover for the 12 months rose from £13.34m to £17.2m. Earnings a share came out unchanged at 2.7p but the total dividend goes up from 1.57p gross to 1.73p.

The items consisted of excess profits of £189,000 against £48,000, and a provision for property repairs of £167,000 against nil.

Sheerwood—Trianco

In the formal agreed offer by Central & Sheerwood Trust for the remainder of Trianco Group, Mr A. S. Boyle, Trianco chairman, says his board took into account the deferred tax liabilities likely on any disposal following its property valuation in December 1974. Further factors were assurance from C & S of continuance of the manufacturing activities at the Trianco engineering subsidiary. C & S at present owns some 48.6 per cent of the equity and 14.6 per cent of the preference.

Fairey 85pc taken

Fairey, the nuclear and hydraulic engineering group says that its recent rights issue was designed to raise £4.84m to reduce borrowings and buttress working capital has been 85 per cent taken up. The issue was at 60p on a one-for-two basis. The balance has been sold at a premium and proceeds will be distributed to entitled shareholders.

Overseas

Itoh-Ataka link to form Japan's third largest

Taking Tokyo business circles by surprise, two leading Japanese trading companies, C. Itoh & Co and Ataka & Co, announced tentative plans for a merger. This would turn the combine into the third largest trading group in Japan after the Mitsubishi and Mitsui corporations, writes Peter Hazelhurst, our Tokyo Correspondent.

No date was set for the proposed merger, but company spokesmen said the two groups would increase their business ties in the meantime. It is estimated that it would take one to two years to work out the final details.

The proposed merger—the first significant large-scale link-up since the Nissho & Awai trading companies combined seven years ago—will have a profound impact on Japanese business because the two are already powerful in their own right. C. Itoh, affiliated to Dai Ichi Kangyo Bank, controls 107 subsidiaries embracing interests ranging from foodstuffs, timber, textiles, construction and property, and is the fourth largest in Japan.

Ataka, with 82 affiliates, has interests in the steel, petroleum, timber, paper, machinery and textiles, and is Japan's ninth largest trading house. It is part of the more powerful Sumitomo group.

Officials indicated that the two groups decided to link-up after the Ataka trading house was hit by heavy financial burdens on losses on oil imports from Canada. Meantime Itoh and the Sumitomo Bank intend to help Ataka reconstruct its financial structure before the merger takes place.

Cavenham (US) gets 1.69m Grand Union

Cavenham's American subsidiary, Cavenham (USA) Inc, received about 1.692m Grand Union shares for its offer for 1.9m shares, which ended at close of business yesterday. The company already holds 3.2m GU shares.

Under its present offer, Cavenham could accept less than 1.9m shares, and will do so if it receives enough to permit it to file consolidated federal tax returns with GU. On this basis it needs to receive about 1.77m shares.—Reuter.

VW 1976 profit will not offset losses

Volkswagen expects to report a "pronounced" profit this year after returning to the black last autumn; but this would not cover "past" losses, a spokesman said.

VW made a worldwide loss of DM807m (£150m) in 1974. The 1975 loss would be "significantly smaller" than this, the company has said. (Unofficial reports have put last year's deficit at less than half that of 1974.)

On the long-discussed question of whether VW should assemble cars in the United States, the board's final decision is not expected until March or April.—AP-Dow Jones.

Babcock wins US bid

The US subsidiary of Babcock & Wilcox, Babcock International, has announced a final extension of its offer to buy shares in American Chain and Cable at $29 net a share until January 30. At the last count, on January 9, about 2.24m shares in American Chain (93 per cent) had been tendered.

Rand devaluation gilds the quarterly mine reports

By Desmond Quigley

The first batch of December-quarterly reports from the South African gold mines illustrate well the benefits to the mines of the devaluation of the Rand last September.

In face of a sharp fall in the dollar gold price received compared with the previous quarter (Bracken, for example, got an average $132.36 an oz, compared with $152.74), figures from the Union Corporation and "Johnnies" groups all report increased working profits, despite—in some cases—lower milling rates and yields. With the devaluation Bracken actually received R115.09 per oz in the last quarter, compared with Rand 109.1.

All of Unicorp's mines reported higher working costs a ton, but by contrast JCI's Randfontein and Western Areas managed to cut costs. Unicorp's four top mines—St Helena, Winkelhaak, Kinross and Bracken — all reported increased milling rates and, with the exception of Bracken, higher yields.

The top three showed total working-profit increases of between 10 and nearly 20 per cent. St Helena made a working profit of R16.7m for the final quarter (compared with R15.1m the previous quarter), Winkelhaak R8.84m (R7.78m) and Kinross R6.44m (R5.39m).

At Bracken the working profit was R4.33m (R4.26m), Grootvlei R1.4m (R897,000), Marievale R1.21m (R1.11m), and at Leslie R1.75m (R1.39m).

In the JCI group, Randfontein had a working profit of R6.79m (R6.45m) and Western Areas R7.14m (R6.8m) JCI is holding its interim dividend at 40c as is Free State Development at 4c.

No hope for Lornex offer

Rio Algom has met with a widely anticipated rebuff in its attempt to buy out the remaining 40.4 per cent of the shares it did not already own in the major Canadian copper mine Lornex.

The offer has had such a small response that Rio Algom, in which Rio Tinto-Zinc has a 51 per cent holding, has only managed to increase its stake to a bit more than 66 per cent. The price was pitched at C$8 a share. While it was higher than any free market price during 1975 and more than twice the year's low, it was considerably below the highs for the preceeding two years.

Issues & Loans

Very low coupon on Norway bond

The Kingdom of Norway is aising $100m through a five- ear Eurobond issue which is eing arranged by a syndicate d by Hambros Bank.

The loan matches the biggest er previously completed in e bond market, but it is also table for the unusually low upon of 8¼ per cent. This is e lowest coupon on a straight, llar-denominated Eurobond sue since Spring, 1974, and dercuts the lowest recent upon of 8¾ per cent on a note sue by the European Coal and eel Community.

It is also significant in that undercuts by a full ½ point, similar five year issue of 0m by the British Gas rporation, which was nounced last Thursday. That sue carried only the indirect rantee of the Treasury, ile the present issue is a rect state obligation, and tes have continued to ease in e past three or four days. it the margin must raise the estion of whether British uers have fully recovered m the dubious reputation y earned after a big spate issues two years ago.

agle Star £26m ghts success

The recent £26m rights issue m Eagle Star Insurance was ig success. It was taken up behalf of 90.8 per cent of shares. The rest were sold the proceeds will be distri- ed in the usual way. The ms of the issue were one-for- r at 100p. The group raised cash to maintain its tra- ionally "higher than aver-" capital base.

are stakes

Vren Trust has sold 200,000 res in Marshall Cavendish ving a total holding of 3.37m shares, and British Printing Corporation now has 3.26m shares in Marshall after selling 100,000 shares.

Hilleshog Fro AB has bought 6,000 Miln Marsters ordinary shares and now holds 344,000 or 24.4 per cent.

Mr John Bairstow, has bought a further 2,500 shares in Queens Moat Houses bringing his stake to 2.46m shares (14.7 per cent).

Ghana cocoa purchases

Accra, Jan 12.—Purchases of main crop cocoa for the 15th week of the season ended January 8 are estimated at 12,654 long tons, the Ghana Cocoa Marketing Board said.

This brings total main crop purchases this season to 330,345 long tons.

Main crop purchases in the 15th week last season ended January 16 were 12,318 long tons, bringing total purchases to that date to 320,759 tons.—Reuter.

Inco turns aggressive

Once upon a time, so it is said, International Nickel played the game in a benevolent and gentlemanly way. Mind you, it could afford to, accounting as it did for well over half the non-Communist world's production and at a time when the Russians were not in a position to make much of an impact on the market.

But times have changed. While still the dominant producer in the world—currently producing about 44 per cent of total non-Communist output—factors such as recession, inflation and the ability of the Russians to make a greater impact on the world market whenever they so feel inclined have all conspired to make the lot of Inco a less easy one.

Thus over the last couple of years, Inco has displayed a previously unfamiliar aggressiveness in its marketing strategy. Last week saw greater confirmation of this new stance with the offer to contract customers of a 90-day period of grace from any price rises during 1976.

Briefly

PORTACEL LIMITED
Portacel Limited has been incorporated as a subsidiary company in the Portals Water Treatment Group of Companies (PWT) as from January 1. The company was formed on January 1, 1974 by the amalgamation of two subsidiaries of Portals Holdings, British Berkefeld Filters and Chlorination Equipment Limited. It was to form the basis for the development of a wide range of equipment and processes for the sterilization of water supplies.

ATLANTIC RICHFIELD AND ARCO
Atlantic Richfield and the Arco Pipe Line Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary have filed a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission about a proposed public offering of $200m (about £100m) of guaranteed notes due in 1984. The parent is a major integrated petroleum group with operations in much of the United States and areas throughout the world.

DU PONT CANADA LOAN IS RAISED
The amount of the previously reported offer by Du Pont of Canada has been raised to C$50m (about £25m) from C$35m and the issue price has been fixed at par according to senior executives. The notes due on February 15 1981 carry a coupon of 9.5 per cent.

MERGERS CLEARED
Following proposed mergers are not to be referred to Monopolies and Mergers Commission: Arbuthnot Latham—Chancery Consolidated; United Molasses—Paktank Storage.

UTICO HOLDINGS
Chairman says in his annual report that he is not hopeful that overall results will improve much. Until conditions steady, liquid resources will be a high priority.

ALLIED CITY SHARE TRUST
Chairman reports that directors are doing everything to ensure that audited accounts for year to March 31, 1975, are available as soon as possible.

ISUZU MOTORS
Isuzu made an 8,722m yen net loss in year to October 31, against a 2,607m yen net profit for year before. This year operating deficit estimated at 2,000m-2,500m yen.—AP-Dow Jones.

FAR EASTERN HOTELS
Singapore.—The Stock Exchange of Singapore has temporarily suspended trading in the shares of Far Eastern Hotels Development, pending clarification of matters raised in its letter of November 17 to the company.—Reuter.

SECOND GREAT NTHN INV
Pre-tax revenue for half year to November 30, £237,000 (£256,000). Tax £102,330. Net earnings a share for year to May 31 next are estimated at 1.45p (1.82p). Net asset value a share at November 30, 82p.

IRVIN INDUSTRIES INC
Swedish subsidiary has acquired 90 per cent of Autoindustri for cash and notes.

IMPERIAL CHEMICAL
Final results are expected on February 19

HEAVITREE BREWERY
Trading profit for year to October 31, £317,000 (£301,000) before exceptional items at £92,000 (£86,000), and before deducting loss of £29,000 (same) from associated company. Dividend is 13.5p (12.6p).

PERCY BILTON
Under conversion offer, 1.7 million accumulation shares were converted into ordinary, and 48,000 ordinary into accumulation shares, leaving 20.7 million ordinary shares, and 14.2 million accumulation.

NZ INSURANCE (UK)
Company's asset base has been strengthened by increasing ordinary capital from £290,000 to £400,000 by issue to parent of further 110,000 shares of £1 at par, cash.

CCL SYSTEMS FAR EAST
CCL Systems (the civil engineering systems division of Foseco Minsep's Fosroc building and construction sector) and Green Island Cement of Hongkong have agreed to form a 50-50 joint venture company in Hongkong.

UNICHEM SALES JUMP
A 50 per cent increase in sales to about £35.5m during 1975 is reported by Unichem, largest independent pharmaceutical wholesale group in Britain. This represents a jump in real terms of some 30 per cent.

THE LIST OF APPLICATIONS WILL BE OPENED AND CLOSED ON THURSDAY, 15th JANUARY 1976

13 per cent TREASURY STOCK, 1990

ISSUE OF £600,000,000 AT £96.00 PER CENT

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MARKET REPORTS

Commodities

COPPER: Although a 4,325-tonne rise in warehouse stocks checked an advance in the morning, cash wire bars closed £10.25 up while three months advanced by £10.50. Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £597-98 a metric ton; three months, £617-17.50. Sales, 2,875 tons. Cash cathodes, £585.50-86.50; three months, £605-06. Sales, 75 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £591.50-92.00; three months, £611-11.50. Settlement, £592. Sales: 4,335 tons (about half carries). Cash cathodes, £580-80.50; three months, £599.50-600.00. Settlement, £580.50. Sales, 425 tons.

SILVER was about 3p up on Friday on all three LME positions. Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 307.85p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 432.8); three months, 313.75p (439.7c); six months, 319.10p (456.1c); one-year, 332.60p (455.1c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 309.8-09.9p; three months, 315.9-16.0p; seven months, 323.2-23.5p. Sales, 215 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each (about half carries). Morning.—Cash, 307.9-308.1p; three months, 313.9-14.0; seven months, 321.2-21.3p. Settlement, 308.1p. Sales, 58 lots.

TIN eased slightly on Friday's close, standard cash being £5 down and three months down £1.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,065-67 a metric ton; three months, £3,133-35. Sales, 145 tons. High grade, Cash, £3,065-67; three months, £3,133-35. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,068-70; three months, £3,134-35. Settlement, £3,070. Sales, 550 tons (about half carries). High grade, Cash, £3,070-72; three months, £3,134-35. Settlement, £3,072. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M958 a picul.

LEAD was slightly firmer.—Afternoon.—Cash, £165.25-66.60 a metric ton; three months, £173.25-73.50. Sales, 600 tons. Morning.—Cash, £165.75-66.00; three months, £173-73.25. Settlement, £166. Sales, 2,635 tons (mainly carries).

ZINC was quiet and featureless.—Afternoon.—Cash, £341-41.50 a metric ton; three months, £353-52.60. Sales, 2,600 tons. Morning.—Cash, £337-37.50; three months, £348-48.50. Settlement, £337.00. Sales 900 tons. Producers' price, £590 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was 30p down at £71.35 ($144.75) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was about steady.—Feb, 38.00-38.50p per kilo; March, 38.15-38.55p; April-June, 38.50-38.55p; July-Sept, 39.90-40.00p; Oct-Dec, 41.00-41.05p; Jan-March, 42.15-42.20p; April-June, 43.80-42.95p; July-Sept, 43.80-43.90p; Oct-Dec, 44.45-44.85p. Sales: 31 lots at 5 tonnes; 155 at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were easier.—Spot 36.50-37.50. Cifs, Feb, 34.85-35.10; March, 35.60-35.75.

COFFEE: Robusta spot January advanced £5 on Friday's close, March futures were 50p easier.—**ROBUSTAS.**—Jan, £827-830 per metric ton; March, £837-838; May, £848-849; July, £854-856; Sept, £860-861; Nov, £864-865; Jan, £866-875. Sales: 1,506 lots including 40 options.

ARABICAS are quiet.—Feb, $101.80-104.00 per 50 kilos; April, $103-105.50; June, $103.20-103.40; Aug, $103.70-104.50; Oct, $104.10-104.50; Dec, $106.20-106; Feb, $107-107.50. Sales: 6 lots.

SUGAR futures were slightly easier.—The London daily prices were: "raws" £168 (£1 down); "whites" £187 (unchanged).—March, £166-66.30 per long ton; May, £166.70-66.75; Aug, £166-66.80; Oct, £166.30-66.75; Dec, £166.25-66.75; March, £166-66.25; May, £165.50-66.25. Sales: 1,980 lots including one option. ISA prices: 14.50c; 17-day average 13.90c.

COCOA futures were slightly firmer.—March, £728.50-29.00 per metric ton; May, £715.50-16.00; July, £705-06; Sept, £690-91; Dec, £674-75; March, £666-68; May, £660-64. Sales: 1,987 lots, including one option. ICO prices: daily, 63.76c; 15-day average, 63.29c; 22-day average, 62.10c (US cents per lb).

SOYABEAN MEAL was steady.—Feb, £84.20-84.50 per metric ton; April, £85.50-85.60; June, £86.50-86.70; Aug, £87.40-87.60; Oct, £88.30-88.60; Dec, £89.30-89.50; Feb, £90.40-90.50. Sales, 12 lots.

WOOL: Greasy futures were steady.—March, 177-80.5p per kilo; May, 183.5-85.0p; July, 188-92p; Oct, 195-96.9p; Dec, 198-99p; March, 199-203p; May, 200-204.6p. Sales, 31 lots.

JUTE was quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Jan-Feb, £195 per long ton; "D" grade, Jan-Feb, £168. Calcutta was steady. Indian, spot, Rs485 a bale of 400lb. Dundee Daisee, spot, Rs455.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—**WHEAT.**—United States dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: March, £96.95, direct Tilbury; Jan, £95.90; Feb, £96.70; April-May, £94.95; May, £95.85 trans-shipment east coast. EEC feed: Jan, £64; Feb, £66 east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French: Jan, £65.50; Feb, £66.50; March, £68.25 trans-shipment east coast.

BARLEY.—EEC feed: Jan, £65; Feb, £65.75 east coast.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin.—**BARLEY** was steady: Jan, £65.25; March, £65; May, £66.70; Sept, £65.50; Nov, £67.50. **WHEAT** was barely steady.—Jan, £64.55; March, £66; May, £67.70; Sept, £66.10; Nov, £68.10.

MARK LANE: trading was quiet throughout the session but price trends held steady. The following are average sellers quotations per long ton delivered London area. Wheat milling: Feb-March, 67.50. Denaturable: Feb, £66.25; March, £66.75. Barley feed was unquoted.

Home-grown Cereal Authority's regional United Kingdom average ex-farm spot prices for week ending Jan 8.—Soft milling WHEAT: S East, no price; S west, £64.35; Eastern £63.45; E Midlands, £65.75; W Midlands, £65.10; N East, £65.65; N West, £64.60; Scotland, £65.55; Northern Ireland, no price; United Kingdom, £65.60. Feeding BARLEY: S East, £61.60; S West, £62.65; Eastern, £61.75; E Midlands, £61.85; W Midlands, £62; N East, £61.85; N West, £63.45; Scotland, £62.55; Northern Ireland, no price; United Kingdom, £61.95.

Location ex-farm spot prices for Jan 12:

	Soft Milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
East Suffolk	£65.80	£62.75	£62.30
NE Scotland	—	—	£63.90

The United Kingdom monetary coefficients for the week beginning Monday, January 19 (based on HGCA calculations) are expected to remain unchanged.

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets for week ending Saturday, January 10.—UK: Cattle, £23.33 per live cwt (−0.52). Sheep, 40.7p per lb est dcw (−0.1). Pigs, £4.85 per sc lw (−0.12). England and Wales: Cattle numbers up 20.9 per cent, average price, £23.50 (−0.41). Sheep no's up 18.5 per cent, average price 40.9p (+0.3). Pigs no's up 52.0 per cent, average price £4.84 (−0.13). Scotland: Cattle average price, £24.28 (−0.59). Sheep, average price, 39.7p (−1.7). Pigs, average price, £5.13 (−0.05).

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 12. UK: Cattle, £23.37 per live cwt (−0.18). Sheep, 40.1p per lb est dcw (−1.3). Pigs, £4.82 per sc lw (−0.10). England and Wales: Cattle numbers down 7.7 per cent, average price, £23.42 (−0.12). Sheep numbers down 13.6 per cent, average price 40.5p (−1.0). Pig numbers down 4.7 per cent, average price £4.81 (−0.10). Scotland: Cattle numbers up 16.5 per cent, average price, £24.13 (−0.53). Sheep numbers down 2.4 per cent, average price, 37.9p (−3.2). Pig numbers down 4.8 per cent, average price, £5.00 (+0.18).

TEA: Demand was good and general for the 47,335 packages of mixed teas, according to the Tea Brokers' Association. Offerings attracted competitive inquiry at fully firm to dearer rates. Dusts were in strong demand and often featured on the upside. But inquiry later slackened and prices closed about steady.

China to get copper from the Philippines

Manila, Jan 12.—The Philippines will export 10,000 dry tonnes of copper concentrates to China, Mr Troadio T. Quiazon, the Trade Secretary, said.

The shipments are for the China Metals and Minerals Import/Export Corporation in Peking, to be supplied by the Atlas Mining Corp.

The first consignment of 5,000 tonnes will be made this month and the other 5,000 in early February.—Reuter.

Ward White to foster sales in 33 countries

Ten executives of the Ward White Group will be visiting 33 countries during the next two months in a concentrated export drive. This drive is aimed at countering footwear imports. Ward White's target is to sell 25 per cent more footwear overseas, by volume, than last year.

The group has now become firmly established as Britain's largest exporter of men's and boys' footwear.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank	10½%
First London Secs	10½%
C. Hoare & Co.	*11%
Lloyds Bank	10½%
Midland Bank	10½%
Nat Westminster	10½%
Rossminster Acc's	10½%
Shenley Trust	12½%
Williams & Glyn's	10½%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 7%, up to £25,000, 7¼%, over £25,000, 8¼%.

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Points from the Chairman's Statement on the results for the year ended 31st July 1975:-

- * Profit before tax £681,326 on sales of £5,454,903. Dividend covered 4.1 times by earnings.
- * Increased investment in product development and plant.
- * Acquisition of Govancroft Potteries Limited, Glasgow, producers of stoneware.
- * Strong liquidity position.
- * Ability to achieve further growth; given reasonable national trading climate.

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1975/76 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
46	25	Armitage & Rhodes	33	—	3.0	9.1	8.7
99	94	Deborah Services	98	—	7.5	7.7	5.2
144	115	Henry Sykes	142	—	4.9	3.5	9.5
36	18	Twinlock Ord	24	—	0.9	3.9	5.9
66	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	61	—	12.0	19.7	—
62	48	Unilock Holdings	61	+1	4.5	7.4	11.8

China and Japan in $500m barter deal

Tokyo, Jan 9.—China wants to buy about two million tonnes of steel products worth about $500m to $600m (£250m to £300m) from Japan in a barter for Chinese crude oil to be supplied on a long-term arrangement, Japanese steel industry sources said.

Nippon Steel Corporation said the projected deal is being negotiated between China and six major steel mills.—Reuter.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS

	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10¼ 1981	103½	104¼
Air France 9¼ 1982	102½	103¼
Airlease 8¾ 1988	90½	93½
ARDB 9¼ 1980	101½	102¼
Ashland 8 1987	92½	93½
Barclays Bank 9¼ 1982	101½	102¼
BFCE 9 1982	100¾	101½
Broken Hill Prop 9½ 1981	102¾	105
British Steel Corp 8⅞ 1989	89	92
Burlington 7⅞ 1987	91	91¾
Carrier 8 1987	92½	93¼
CECA 8¾ 1992	93	94¼
Chevron 7 1980	98	99½
Conoco 7 1980	93	94½
Conoco 8 1986	98¾	99½
Cons Foods 7½ 1991	83½	90¼
CSR 9½ 1980	101¾	102½
Curacao Tokyo 8⅞ 1983	94¾	95½
Curacao Tokyo 10¼ 1981	102½	103¼
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	92¾	93½
Dana 8 1987	93	93¾
Denmark Kingdom 7½ 1990	86	86¾
DSM 9½ 1980	102½	103¼
EIB 9 1980	103¾	104½
EIB 9½ 1985	101¼	102
Escom 9¾ 1989	91	93
Escom 10¼ 1985	100	100¾
Escom Floating Rate 1982	96¾	97¾
First Chicago 7 1980	95½	96¼
GATX 8½ 1987	92½	93¾
Gould 9¾ 1985	100⅞	101⅞
Guardian Royal 8 1987	79½	82½
Gulf and Western 9¾ 1980	102	102¾
ICI 7½ 1992	85	88
International Util 8½ 1982	96¼	97
Motorola 8 1987	94½	95¼
Nat Coal Board 8¾ 1983	88½	91½
New Zealand 9 1980	103	102¾
New Zealand 9¼ 1983	102¾	103¼
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980	102½	103½
Nippon Steel 9½ 1980	100¾	101
N. A. Rockwell 8¾ 1987	92½	93¾
Occidental 10 1981	102¾	103¾
Ontario Hydro 9 1980	102¾	103½
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	92¾	93½
Pacific Lighting 9¾ 1981	104½	105
Pennwalt 8 1987	93¼	94
Ralston Purina 7½ 1987	93¾	94½
Scanraff 7½ 1990	91¼	92
Scanraff 8¾ 1988	98¼	99
Shell 7½ 1987	94½	95¼
Singer 11 1977	97	98½
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981	105	106
Standard Oil 8½ 1980	102¾	103½
Standard Oil 8½ 1988	100¼	101
Standard Oil 8½ 1988	100¾	101½
Statsforetag 9¼ 1980	101	101¾
Sybron 8 1987	92¼	93
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	90¼	91
Textron 7¾ 1987	90	90¾
Transocean Gulf 7½ 1987	94	94¾
Union Oil 7½ 1987	94	94¾
Williams & Glyn's 8¼ 1987	85	86
DM BONDS		
CFP 8½ 1985	99	100
Denmark 9¼ 1989	100	101
ICI 8⅞ 1983	94½	95½
Mexico 9 1982	99½	100½
Nat Westminster 8 1988	95½	96½
Sumitomo Metal Inds 8½ 1983	100¼	101½
Sun Int Fin 7½ 1983	92	93
$ CONVERTIBLES		
AMF 5 1987	65	67
American Express 4¼ 1987	86	88
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	97	99
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	110	112
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1993	107	109
Borden 5 1992	98	100
Borden 6¾ 1991	106	108
Broadway Hale 4¼ 1987	79	81
Carnation 4 1988	87	89
Chevron 5 1988	99	101
Cummins 6¾ 1986	79	81
Dart 4¾ 1987	85	88
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	122	124
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	81	83
Federated Dept Stores 4¾ 1985	133	135
Ford 5 1988	79	81
Ford 6 1986	89	91
Gillette 4¾ 1987	78	80
Gould 5 1987	87	89
General Electric 4¼ 1987	88	90
Gulf and Western 5 1988	91	93
Harris 5 1987	75	77
Honeywell 6 1986	79½	81½
ITT 4½ 1987	67	69
J Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	124	126
JP Morgan 4¼ 1987	106½	108½
Nabisco 5½ 1988	95	97
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	97	99
JC Penney 4½ 1987	84	86
Revlon 4½ 1987	102½	104½
Rank Org 4½ 1993	46	48
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	96	98
Squibb 4½ 1987	87	89
Texaco 4¾ 1988	76	78
Union Carbide 4½ 1982	114	116
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	94	96
Xerox Corp 5 1988	74	76

DM = Deutschmark issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

Foreign Exchange

New York, Jan 12.—Stocks, reversing an early decline, were moderately higher, with advances outnumbering declines by a seven-to-four margin on the New York Stock Exchange this morning.

The Dow-Jones industrial average rose more than two points to 913.73.

The dollar reversed most of the initial losses suffered in European currency trading yesterday closing broadly unchanged on pre-weekend levels. It was assisted in this by a reduction in Switzerland's bank rate to 2.5 per cent.

The United States unit moved to 2.6030/50 against the Swiss franc after touching 2.5965 earlier and compared with 2.605/75 on Friday.

The dollar showed a strong rally also against the French franc, at 4.4725/50, from 4.4565/85 on Friday.

Comments late last week by the French foreign trade minister that France can expect difficulties in balancing its foreign trade this year appeared to start weighing against the franc, dealers said.

Sterling closed at $2.0310, up just 5 points against the dollar after touching $2.0345 at one stage. The pound's "effective rate" was again unchanged at 30.0 per cent.

Gold was unchanged in London, at $136.75 an ounce.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) January 12	Market rates (close) January 12
New York	$2.0305-0345	$2.0305-0315
Montreal	$2.0580-0610	$2.0555-0565
Amsterdam	5.41-44fl	5.42-43fl
Brussels	79.50-80.00f	79.70-80f
Copenhagen	12.46-50k	12.47-48k
Frankfurt	5.27½-29½m	5.29¼-29¾m
Lisbon	55.15-60e	55.35-55e
Madrid	121.00-40p	121.05-25p
Milan	1384-89lr	1385½-87½lr
Oslo	11.27-30k	11.27½-29½k
Paris	9.07½-09½f	9.08½-09½f
Stockholm	8.88-90½k	8.89-90k
Tokyo	615-25y	619½-21½y
Vienna	37.10-50sch	37.25-45sch
Zurich	5.27-30f	5.28½-29½f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971 unchanged at 30.0 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	1.05-.95c prem	2.53-2.43c prem
Montreal	.35-.25c prem	.70-.60c prem
Amsterdam	3-2c prem	6½-5½c prem
Brussels	40-20c prem	95-75c prem
Copenhagen	8½-6½ore prem	17-15ore prem
Frankfurt	3½-2½pf prem	9½-8½pf prem
Lisbon	par-100c disc	par-150c disc
Madrid	par-40c disc	40-90c disc
Milan	3-1lr prem	5-3lr prem
Oslo	5½-3½ore prem	13½-11½ore prem
Paris	4½-3½c prem	9½-8½c prem
Stockholm	3-1ore prem	6½-4½ore prem
Vienna	30-10gro prem	70-40gro prem
Zurich	4½-3½c prem	11½-10½c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), 30.9577-90.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 4½-5¼; seven days, 4½-5¼; one month, 4¾-5¼; three months, 5½-5¾; six months, 5¾-6¼.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $135.50 (an ounce); pm, $136.65.

Krugerrand (per coin): $139.30-141.50 (£68.75-69.75) (domestic); $139.25-141.25 (£68.50-69.50) (international).

Sovereigns: (old), 41.50-42.50 (£20.50-21.00) (new) $42.50-44.50 (£21-22) (international).

Discount market

There were early signs that it might be a short day, but it was not long before it became clear that conditions were not going to be too difficult after all.

Rates that were called 10¾ per cent at the outset started to ease gently, first to 10⅝ per cent and then to 10½ per cent by midday. Although an element of patchiness crept into the credit flow during the afternoon, the overnight money rate continued to decline, with some sizable sums still moving as 10¼ and then 10 per cent were reached.

The Bank of England managed to stand clear, and closing balances were taken mainly within a band of 8½ to 9½ per cent. Dealers reported fairly sizeable buying interest in Treasury Bills, but a sharply declining rate prevented many deals from being completed.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11%
(Last changed 2/1/76)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 11%

Discount Mkt Loans %
Overnight: Open 10¼ Close 10
Week Fixed: 10⅛-10¼

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	10⅛	2 months	10⅛
3 months	10⅛	3 months	10

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	10⅛-10¼	3 months	10¾
3 months	10⅛-10⅛	4 months	10¾
4 months	10-9¾	6 months	10¾
6 months	9¾-9⅝		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	10⅝-10¼	7 months	10⅝-10¼
2 months	10⅝-10¼	8 months	10⅝-10¼
3 months	10⅝-10¼	9 months	10⅝-10¼
4 months	10⅝-10¼	10 months	10⅝-10¼
5 months	10⅝-10¼	11 months	10⅝-10¼
6 months	10⅝-10¼	12 months	10⅝-10¼

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	10⅝-10⅛	6 months	10⅛-10⅛
3 months	10⅛-10⅛	12 months	10⅛-10⅛

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	10¼	3 months	10¼
7 days	10¼	6 months	10⅛-10½
1 month	10¼	1 year	10¾-11

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 10¼-10½ Close 10

1 week	10½-10¼	6 months	10⅛
1 month	10½-10¼	9 months	10⅛-10⅛
3 months	10⅛-10¼	12 months	10⅛-10⅛

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate %)
3 months 10¾ 6 months 10⅛

Finance House Base Rate 11½%

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Bristol 13¾% 1981 (£98¼)	£24¾+¼
Coventry 13¼% 1980 (£98⅞)	£24¼+¼
Blandsrand Gold 20c (R3)	270-5
Essex Wtr 3¾% (†)	£101
Lee Valley Wtr 9% Rd Pf (†)	199

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun.	
Amber Day (10p)		10½ prem
Brooke Bond (32p)	Feb 20	8½ prem-1½
Lake And Elliot (50p)	Mar 12	10½ prem+1½
Nat Bnk Aust (A$1.5s)	Feb 13	147 prem
Trafalgar House (85p)	Feb 6	37 prem-1

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £45 paid. b £10 paid. c £30 paid. f £50 paid. g £80 paid. h £20 paid. 1.540 paid.

UK metal stocks

Stocks in London Metal Exchange official warehouses at the end of last week (in tonnes unless otherwise stated) are: Copper, up 4,325 to 506,075; Tin, down 120 to 7,240; Lead, up 800 to 86,500; Zinc, down 8,300 to 64,975; Silver, down 350,000 to 17,480,000 troy ounces.

From 'a year to forget' to prospect of better times for metal prices

Commodities

"A year that metal producers and traders would prefer to forget" is the verdict on 1975 by brokers Rudolf Wolff, who have been looking at the prospects for metal prices in 1976 and see an improvement possible.

In a year-end report they say that copper producers, particularly Chile, Zambia, Zaire and Peru, all members of the Council of Copper Exporting Countries, "have suffered grievously from the euphoric price assumption they made during the first quarter of 1974.

"Many CIPEC countries based their national economic plans on a not unreasonable estimated average copper price of around £800 a ton. Throughout most of 1975 they had the traumatic experience of selling their copper in the low £500s; price levels which are significantly below their costs of production."

Recalling that the CIPEC nations tried to salvage something of their economic plans by producing more copper despite the low price, the report points out that this helped only to keep prices depressed "at what will prove to be rock bottom levels. Consumers, of course, cannot be forced to buy metals they do not need."

This means that "we now have the extraordinary situation where consumers are running on marginal levels and the producers have been using the London Metal Exchange as a vehicle for creating their much-needed cash flow. This is amply demonstrated by the record LME warehouse stocks of over 500,000 tonnes.

"This is an economically ridiculous situation and can last for only a very short period. Even the CIPEC nations cannot go on for ever selling copper below their cost of production."

After referring to "totally unfair and unjustified" criticisms of the LME by some senior members of CIPEC governments, the report points out that if producers are unhappy about low prices they can rectify and alleviate the situation; those producers, particularly the private sector mines, that are prepared to make the sacrifice can cut back production and leave the metal in the ground "which will prove a better long-term investment than selling now".

On copper price prospects for 1976, Wolffs say: "The bears all forget what a very powerful force sentiment can be. Statistics show a world-wide copper surplus of around 1.5m tonnes. But we do not regard this surplus as anything but a temporary feature.

"A very large part of this material is owned either by producers, fabricators or merchants and is committed to industry for future delivery on a fixed price basis. These stocks will work off very quickly once an economic recovery is well under way.

"In the old days, for example, European fabricators used to hold around 500,000 tonnes of stock in their works. Now their inventories are simply reflected in the size of the LME stocks. It pays producers and fabricators alike to let the City of London's financial community finance these stocks through the contango. This saves the fabricators' cash flow and avoids tying-up their capital."

Saying that the surplus in Japan is not the worry some people think, as it appears that this material will not be dumped at current price levels and will ultimately be consumed, the report says that the major imponderable is how quickly and strongly world economic activity will recover.

"The American economy appears, on balance, to be heading slowly upwards and other economies, in our view, are likely to follow in a slow but steady fashion. Those producers who have cut production, particularly in North America, are most unlikely to restore capacity to former levels until they have seen a higher price level maintained for some time.

"Nor will one see new production being commissioned in the United States until an average price of at least 90c to 100c a lb appears maintainable in the future. This compares with the present United States producer price of around 63c a lb."

Wolffs recall that for the last eight to nine months they have been recommending investment in physical copper. "It is, we believe, one of the world's best investments at present for significant capital gains on a medium to long term view.

"Copper's capital gains potential, given the likely future supply and demand position, will almost certainly outperform any of the traditional investment vehicles.

"It is a tangible asset whose price will be increasingly affected by an improving supply and demand situation. Equity and gilt prices, on the other hand, are far more subject to sentiment changes concerning the domestic scene.

On the way to a pinnacle

A neat swipe is taken at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in the latest issue of *Metal Bulletin* in a note on the deliberations by UNCTAD's commodities committee on setting up a common fund to finance buffer stocks of key commodities.

It will be recalled that after two weeks of Geneva talks the committee could not reach an agreement and decided to leave detailed recommendations to UNCTAD's board of trade and development which meets in March, two months before the full UNCTAD conference in Nairobi.

Describing this as "passing an unwelcome buck", the journal says observers suggest that even imposing such harsh deadlines is unlikely to produce anything near a comprehensive plan. "Both the EEC and the United States are unconvinced of the need for a grand commodities plan but are prepared to discuss marginal aspects.

"For this the trade should be grateful, for the plan promises to reach the very pinnacle of bureaucratic ambitions—to generate a closed system of circular discussions/meetings/committees completely self-supporting and of only academic interest to the real world. Well played, UNCTAD!"

Wallace Jackson
Commodities Editor

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

1975/76 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Authorised Unit Trusts			
		Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd,			
		Barnett Hse, Fountain St, Man 2		061-236 9775	
33.6	20.6	Giants	32.2	34.6	3.52
35.1	21.7	Do Accum	33.1	35.5	3.52
30.5	18.2	Growth	29.2	31.4	3.50
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1975/76 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers Ltd,			
		45 Beech St, EC2 P2LX.		01-628 8011	
59.9	40.5	Dollar	59.9	64.2	2.51
31.6	21.6	International	31.6	33.9	2.98
129.4	84.4	British Tst	129.4	139.5	4.67
129.4	84.4	Do Guernsey	129.4	138.5	3.08
24.1	9.9	Capital	24.7	26.5	4.81
84.1	36.9	Financial Tst	84.1	90.1	3.81
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1975/76 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Reliance Unit Managers Ltd,			
		Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells.		0892 22271	
42.0	23.6	Opp Accum (2)	42.0	44.5	5.19
		Save & Prosper Group,			
		4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP.		01-588 1717	
		Dealings to 01-554 8899			
		Erskine Hse, 68-73 Queen St, Edinburgh EH2 4NX.			
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1975/76 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
81.6	43.9	Exempt * (40)	80.5	85.0	4.67
101.0	51.8	Do Accum (40)	100.2	105.4	4.67
195.8	100.3	Int Earn Fnd (3)	185.8	205.4	4.76
201.6	100.3	Do Accum (3)	201.6	211.8	4.76
		Tyndall National & Commercial,			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol.		0272 32241	
121.0	66.4	Income	121.0	126.6	8.55
150.8	80.0	Do Accum	150.8	157.5	5.05
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1975/76 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
107.8	92.0	Growth	107.8	113.5	..
110.5	88.4	Capital	110.5	116.4	..
106.8	87.1	Income	106.8	112.5	..
125.1	100.0	International	123.1	129.7	..
		Investment Annuity Life Assurance			
		Swan Court, Petersfield, Hants		Petersfield 3231	
115.1	68.3	Lion Equity	..	92.9	..
113.6	77.1	Do Accum	..	113.5	..
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1975/76 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Trident Life,			
		Renslade Hse, Gloucester.		0452 36541	
109.6	91.0	Trident Man	109.6	115.4	..
124.6	98.5	Do Guar Man	124.6	131.2	..
110.8	100.0	Do Property	110.8	116.7	..
64.1	38.3	Do Equity	64.1	67.5	..
115.4	89.9	Do High Yield	115.4	121.5	..
105.4	104.8	Do Money	105.4	111.5	..
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1975/76 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Offshore and International Funds			
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BERNARD PHILLIPS, Chartered Accountant.

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L. R. BATES, al Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

In the Matter of EDINBURGH RUBBER ESTATES Limited; THE VALLAMBROSA RUBBER COMPANY Limited; SCOTTISH MALAYAN ESTATES Limited; THE SUNGEI WAY (SELANGOR) RUBBER COMPANY Limited; EMERALD RUBBER & COCOANUT COMPANY Limited; CHANGKAT SALAK RUBBER AND TIN Limited; HEAWOOD TIN & RUBBER ESTATE Limited; THE GLASGOW RUBBER ESTATES Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above named Companies which are being VOLUNTARILY WOUND UP, are required, on or before the 31st day of January 1976 to send their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned PAUL FREDERICK MARTEN SHEWELL, M.A., F.C.A., of Coopers & Lybrand, Abacus House, Gutter Lane, Cheapside, London EC2V 8AH, one of the Joint LIQUIDATORS of the said Companies, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Joint Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 7th day of January 1976.

PAUL FREDERICK MARTEN SHEWELL for self and NEIL LEWIN PAYNE and ABU HASSAN BIN KENDUT and GEORGE FREDERICK COCKERELL, Joint LIQUIDATORS.

NOTE: All creditors have been or will be paid in full.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of M.T.T.B. Limited.

Nature of BUSINESS: Travel Agents.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 17th November 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 27th January 1976, at Room 239 Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6NP at 4.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 4.30 o'clock.

L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

EAGLEHURST INSURANCE BROKERS Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 297 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS of the company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Poppleton & Appleby, 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN, on Tuesday, the 27th day of January, 1976, at 3 pm, for the purpose of considering whether the vacancy caused by the death of the Joint Liquidator, Mr. I. Bellman shall be filled.

Dated this 7th day of January, 1976.

H. C. HEDGES, Continuing Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of OAKMERE (BUILDERS) Limited

NATURE OF BUSINESS: Builders and Property Repairers

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 13th October 1975

DATE and PLACE OF FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 26th January 1976, at Room 239, Templar House, 81 High Holborn London WC1V 6NP at 3 o'clock

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 3.30 o'clock.

L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of SELMANS (RECORDS) LIMITED.

Nature of BUSINESS: Record shop proprietors.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 24th November 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 27th January 1976, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.

E. W. EBSWORTH, Acting Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

Re ABOS SECURITIES Limited and THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 8AH on Thursday, the 29th day of January, 1976 at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.

Dated this 7th day of January, 1976.

LEONARD ALFRED WRIGHT Director.

PUBLIC NOTICES

To all the heirs and relatives of MARY PAYIASI also known as MARY PAYAISI, deceased, whose maiden name was MARIA TAMBOURLAS, formerly of Famagusta, Cyprus; including but not limited to the persons named below:

1. STAUROS CHARALAMBOS TAMBOURLAS, his wife, children and grandchildren.

The attorney named below has been appointed by a court of the United States to find the missing heirs and relatives of the deceased, Mary Payiasi (whose maiden name was Maria Tambourlas).

If you are related to Mary Payiasi or to her brother, Charalambus Demetri Tambourlas and Christos Demetri Tambourlas, you must furnish proof and information regarding your relationship to the deceased, Mary Payiasi (maiden name Maria Tambourlas) or her brothers and other relatives within 30 days. Such proof and information is to be sent directly to: Angelo P. Demos, Esquire, Attorney at Law, Suite 1910, One Biscayne Tower, Two South Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida 33131, U.S.A. TIMES—E

PASTORAL MEASURE 1968

The Church Commissioners have PREPARED a DRAFT REDUNDANCY SCHEME which contains provision for the appropriation of the redundant church of St. Saviour, Eddington, and part of the land annexed or belonging thereto to residential use, and the appropriation of the remainder of the land to use as a local authority cemetery.

A copy of the draft Scheme may be obtained from the Commissioners or may be inspected at The Vicarage, Hungerford, Berkshire.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Commissioners at 1 Millbank, London SW1P 3JZ, to reach them not later than 12th February 1976.

PUBLIC NOTICES

ACQUISITION BY EUROCANADIAN SHIPHOLDINGS LTD OF A SUBSTANTIAL MINORITY SHAREHOLDING IN FURNESS WITHY AND CO LTD

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which has already been asked by Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, under the provisions of the Fair Trading Act 1973, to investigate and report on the acquisition by Eurocanadian Shipholdings Ltd of a minority shareholding in Furness Withy & Co Ltd, is additionally being asked to investigate and report whether there are arrangements in progress or contemplation, which if carried into effect would result in a merger situation between the two companies for the purposes of the Act. The Commission is being asked to make its report by May 27, 1976, the period allowed for the original reference.

The original reference also included for investigation and report those arrangements in progress or contemplation, which if carried into effect, would result in a further merger situation between Eurocanadian Shipholdings Ltd and Manchester Liners Ltd.

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission wish to have comments or evidence on this proposal from interested parties. Any person or organisation wishing to give such evidence should write as soon as possible to:

The Secretary, MONOPOLIES AND MERGERS COMMISSION, New Court, 48 Carey Street, London, WC2A 2JT.

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evening for drama. Mike Leigh who gave us Hard Labour contributes a Play for lay about a married couple on a camping holiday (BBC1 9.25). Alternatively Graham Greene series sees Freddie Jones in West Africa (ITV 9.0). We return Piccadilly for a sequel to that sensational documentary about children adrift London (ITV 10.30). Man Alive, source of so many fine programmes, is back in a v format (BBC2 9.30). But do you know where your treasure is? Bevis Hillier ducts a new lunch-time series on household antiques (ITV 12.30).—L.B.

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pm, News. 1.00, Pebble 1.45, Bod. 2.00-2.15, You de. 3.25, Fo a Fe. 4.00, School. 4.25, Deputy 4.30, Jackanory. 4.45, Trek. 5.10, John Craven. Rentaghost. 5.40, Padding-

News. 6.00, Nationwide.
Are You Being Served?
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Warship.
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Tonight.
Play Sport, part 1: Trampolining.
Weather.

WALES.—3.25-3.58 pm. ters Closedown. 6.00-6.50, Today. Nationwide. 6.50-ddiw. 7.10-7.40, Ar Ben Ei .40-8.10, Are You Being 11.50, News for Wales. ND.—3.25-3.58 pm, Transmitters Closedown. 6.00-6.50, Scotland. Nationwide. 1.55, Who are the Scots? Scottish News. Summary. ERN IRELAND.—3.25-3.58 nsmitters Closedown. 6.00-ene Around Six. 6.25-6.50, pecial. 11.50, Northern Ire-vs Headlines.

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BBC 2

11.00-11.25 am, Play School. 2.30 pm, Peter Donaldson's Illustrated Economics: Fuelling Inflation—Miners or Sheiks? 3.00, All in the Mind. 3.30-3.55, Looking at Documentary.

7.05 Ensemble.
7.30 Newsday.
7.45 Book Programme, with Heinrich Boll, the German writer.
8.10 Celebrity Golf: Great Britain v. US: Peter Oosterhuis and Christopher Lee v Tom Weiskopf and Howard Keel.
9.00 Fawlty Towers, part 2.
9.30 Man Alive Report.
10.20 The Old Grey Whistle Test.
11.00 Newsnight.
11.25-11.30 Leslie Sands reads Old Flame, by Simon Curtis.

HTV

12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, A Place in History: the University of St Andrews. 1.00, News. 1.20, West Headlines. 1.25, Wales Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Help! 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.01, Report West. 6.20, Report Wales. 6.40, Mr and Mrs. 7.10, McMillan and Wife. 9.00, Thames. 11.45, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES. As HTV except: 1.20-1.25 pm, Penawdau Newyddion y Dydd. 4.25-4.50, Fenv Fan'na. 6.01-6.20, Y Dydd. 10.30, Dan Sylw. 11.15, O'r Wasg. 11.30, Weather. HTV WEST. As HTV except: 1.20-1.30 pm, West Headlines. 6.20-6.40, Report West.

Grampian

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, The Brady Bunch. 5.50, News. 6.00, Grampian Today. 6.10, The Flintstones. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Cartoon. 7.15, Film: Heller in Pink Tights, with Sophia Loren, Anthony Quinn. 9.00, Thames. 12.15 am, Prayers.

Scottish

12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Road Report. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Calimero. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, University Challenge. 7.00, Love American Style. 7.10, Film: The Captive City, with John Forsyth, Joan Camden. 9.00, Thames. 11.45 Late Call.

Ulster

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Ulster News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Beachcombers. 5.50, News. 6.00, UTV Reports. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, The Ghost and Mrs. Muir. 7.30, Film: Walk a Crooked Mile, with Louis Hayward, Dennis O'Keefe. 9.00, Thames. 11.45-12.15 am, UTV Profile.

Thames

12.00 Stuff and Nonsense. 12.10 pm, Mr Trimble. 12.30, Trash or Treasure? 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Emmerdale Farm. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.30, Couples 3.00, Village Hall. 3.55, General Hospital. 4.25, Runaround. 4.50, Magpie. 5.20, Nanny and the Professor.

5.50 News. 6.00, Today.
6.50 Crossroads.
7.15 McCoy.
9.00 Shades of Greene: A Chance for Mr Lever.
10.00 News.
10.30 What Happened to Johnny go Home?
11.45 A Place in History. The English Channel.
12.15 am Initiators.

ATV

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Batman. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Film. Guns at Batasi, with Richard Attenborough, Flora Robson. 9.00, Thames. 11.45-12.15 am, Angling.

Southern

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Sinbad Junior. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.45, University Challenge. 7.15, Film. The Defector, with Montgomery Clift, Hardy Kruger. 9.00, Thames. 11.45, Southern News. 11.55, Police Surgeon. 12.20 am, Weather. Guideline.

Granada

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This Is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, What on Earth? 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.40, The Persuaders! 7.35, Film. Stella Stevens in Linda. 9.00, Thames. 11.45-12.45 am, Shannon's Mob.

Westward

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Westward News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 5.50, News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Cartoon. 7.10, Film. The Big Dragnet, with Jack Webb, Harry Morgan, Bobby Troup. 9.00, Thames. 11.45, Westward News. 11.48, Faith for Life.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. Colin Berry.† 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.02 pm, David Hamilton.† 4.30, DLT. 5.45, Newsbeat. 6.02, Sam Costa.† 7.02, Beat the Record. 7.30, Robin Richmond.† 8.02, Among Your Souvenirs.† 9.02, The Songwriters, Vivian Ellis. 10.02, Ian Carmichael's Music Night.† 11.00, John Peel.† 12.00-12.05 am, News.

† Stereo.

2

6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan.† (8.27, Racing bulletin.) 9.02, Pete Murray. (10.30, Waggoners' Walk.) 11.30, Jimmy Young.† 2.30 pm, Radio 1. 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.47, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Radio 1 (8.02-9.00, 1500m, Football.) 11.05, Colin Berry (1500m). 12.00-12.05 am, News.

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7.00 am, News. 7.05, Purcell, Couperin, Avison, J.C.F. Bach.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Boieldieu, Duparc, Milhaud.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Schubert.† 9.45, Academy of the BBC: Goehr, Haydn.† 10.40, Nordic String Quartet: Berwald, Rangstrom.† 11.20, Piano recital: Beethoven, Schumann, Haydn.† 12.05 pm, Cardiff Cathedral Concert: Handel, Dvorak.† 1.00, News. 1.05, The Arts Worldwide. 1.20, Concert, part 2: Tchaikovsky.† 2.15, Concert: Jorge Antunes.† 3.30, Mendelssohn's Octet, Op 20.† 4.05, Buxtehude.† 4.55, Jazz Today.† 5.25, Pied Piper.† 5.45, Homeward Bound.† 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued). 6.30, Organizing the Organization. 7.00, Citizens' Advice.

7.30, Music in Question.† 8.00, Haitink Conducts LPO, part 1: Haydn, Rachmaninov.† 8.50, Finding a Voice, poets on their work: John Wain. 9.10, Concert, part 2: Ravel.† 9.50, Play: Bridges, by Christopher Whelen, with Marius Goring.† 10.30, Cello recital: Tovey.† 11.25-11.30, News.

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6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News and more of Today. 8.00, News and more of Today. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411. Holidays Abroad, with Jill Crawshaw, John Carter.

10.00, News. 10.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Down Your Way. 11.45, James Cameron. 12.00 pm, News. 12.02, You and Yours. 12.27 pm, Just a Minute. 12.55, Weather.

1.00 pm, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Evan Harrington, part 1. 4.00, News. 4.05, Gardeners' Question Time. 4.35, Story: The Luck of the Vails. 5.00 PM Reports. 5.55, Weather.

6.00, News. 6.15, My Music. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News. 7.30, Kaleidoscope. 8.00, Radio 3. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime, Cry, the Beloved Country. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, Today in Parliament. 11.30, News. 11.51-11.54, Inshore Forecast.

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AUKIN.—On 8th January, to Nancy (nee Meckler) and David—a son (brother for Daniel).

CADELL.—On January 9th, 1976, to Jean and Christopher Cadell—a son (Nicholas James).

CAMERON.—On January 4th, in the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital, to Elizabeth (nee Padfield) and Alastair, two sons (Hamish Charles Alastair and Dougal Robert Harvey), brothers for Duncan and Angus.

COWELL.—On January 10th, to Josephine (nee Craig) and John Cowell—a son.

CRITCHLEY.—On January 2nd, to Hazel and Bruce—a daughter (Georgina).

DOW.—On 4th January at Pembury Hospital, to Corinna (nee Walker) and Nicoll Dow a son (Alexander Russell MacGregor) a brother to Georgina.

HARRIS.—On 11th January at the Regional Maternity Hospital, Limerick to Suzie (nee Gibson) and Cecil—a daughter (Georgina Victoria).

HILLS.—On 11th January at St. Mary's (Lindo Wing), Paddington, to Pammie and Anthony—a daughter (Camilla Mary).

IRVIN.—On 10th January at Westminster Hospital, to Sarah (nee Le Feuvre) and Peter—a son (Thomas Henry).

JOCELYN.—On December 28th 1975, to Fiona, wife of Lt. Cmdr. the Honorable Thomas Jocelyn, R.N.—a daughter (Caragh).

OLIVER-BELLASIS.—On January 5th at The John Radcliffe Hospital, to Julia (nee Manners) and Charles Oliver-Bellasis—a son (John Edward).

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VILLIERS.—On 11th January to Sally (nee Magnay) and Charles—a son.

WARNER.—On January 8, 1976, to Suzy, wife of Christopher Warner—a daughter, Emma Louise.

MARRIAGES

DUFFIELD : ZIFF.—On January 7th, at Newbury, Roger Stuart to Christine Anne Baylis (Deborah), followed by a service of blessing at Eastbury, the Rev E. W. Whitworth, the bride's godfather, officiated.

HOSKINS : DAWSON.—On Saturday, 10th January, at St. Mary's Church, Whaddon, Bucks, Julian Hoskins, son of Mrs. Patricia Hoskins and the late Mr. S. P. Hoskins, of The Chase, Whaddon, Bucks, and Miss Yolande L. Dawson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis C. Dawson, of Trekkers, Send, Surrey.

REES : DEVLIN.—On 9 December, 1975, in London, Christopher, son of Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Rees, St. Clear's, Carmarthenshire, and Clare, elder daughter of Mr. & Mrs G. A. Devlin, Glenavy, Co. Antrim.

STEPHENS : BRISTOW.—On January 10, Mr. Richard Stephens to Mrs. Joan Bristow, in London.

MARRIAGES

VANCE : ELLIS.—The marriage took place quietly on Saturday, January 10th, at St. Mary, The Boltons, London, between Patrick Vance, son of Mr Dennis Vance, London, and Mrs. Amy Vance, Ontario, Canada, and Fiona Ellis, daughter of Mr. Edward Ellis, Emberton, Bucks, and Mrs. Anne Hampshire, London.

WALSH : KELLER.—On January 10th at Marylebone Registry Office, Richard Francis Evelyn Walsh, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, to Sara Latchford Keller, of New York, U.S.A.

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BUCKWELL : RAVEN.—On Jan. 13, 1951, at Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, Richard Buckwell to Katharine Raven: now at Yockletts Farm, Waltham, Canterbury.

DEATHS

ANTONOPOULOS.—On 11th January, 1976, suddenly at home, Anastasse (Tasso), B.Sc., M.R.I.N.A., of 10 Roehampton Gate, aged 82, devoted husband of Cecilia Lavinia, beloved father and grandfather. Funeral private. Memorial service at the Greek Cathedral, Moscow Road, on Friday, 23rd January, at 11 a.m. All inquiries to T. H. Sanders and Sons Ltd., Roehampton, S.W.15. Tel. 01-789 6856.

BAILIE.—On 11th January, at Thames Bank Nursing Home, Goring-on-Thames, J. Sholto Bailie, youngest son of the late Major-General and Mrs. T. M. Bailie. Funeral private.

BEATTY.—On January 9th, peacefully, at 13 Bray Court, North Parade, Chessington, Surrey, Simone, dearly beloved wife of Arthur Beatty. Service at St. Mary's, Chessington, 2.15 p.m., 14th January. Flowers to F. W. Paine, Kingston, by 1 p.m.

BREUNINKMEYER.—On 10th January, 1976, aged fortified by the Rites of the Roman Catholic Church, Bernard, Knight Commander of St Gregory the Great, Officer in the Order of Orange Nassau of Larixlaan, 5, Hilversum, The Netherlands, widower of Martha Antonia Elizabeth. Funeral will take place in Mettingen, on Thursday, 15th January 1976, Requiem Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London, W.1, at 10 a.m., on Thursday, 22nd January, 1976. R.I.P.

CLOSE.—On Sunday, January 11th, Pat, much loved wife of George and mother of Diccon, of 12 Avenue de Versailles 1410 Waterloo, Belgium. There will be a private service in North Wales.

CUPAR.—On January 11th, 1976, peacefully, in hospital, Gwendolen Maud Victoria, aged 82 years, of 26 Shakespeare Road, Bedford. Requiem Mass, Friday, January 16th, 11 a.m., at St. Joseph and the Holy Child Church, Midland Road, Bedford. Floral tributes to L. C. J. Arnold, 48 Roff Avenue, Bedford.

de BRUYNE.—On Saturday, January 10th, 1976, in Arundel Hospital, Henry Bernard Arthur, of Amberley, Sussex, and formerly of Punta-Arenas, Chile, leaving his wife Mary Elizabeth, a son, two daughters and 2 grandchildren. Service at St. Michael's Church, Amberley, on Thursday, January 15th, 1976, at 3 p.m. No flowers or letters, please. Donations to a charity.

DOREY.—On Friday, 9th January, 1976, peacefully at her home in Guernsey, Edith Mary, widow of Cecil, beloved mother of Mary and Peter and dear sister of Rene, in her 91st year. No flowers, please. Donations may be sent to Hon. Sec., R.N.L.I., Harbour Office, Guernsey.

DRAKE.—On January 11th 1976, Margaret Elizabeth, aged 90 years, of 36 Hill View Gardens, North Harrow, Mother of Catherine and Rosaland. Cremation at Golders Green (East Chapel) on Wednesday, January 14th. Cut flowers only, please, to Leverton & Sons Ltd., 624 Finchley Rd., N.W.11.

EASTWOOD.—On January the 12th, in Winchcombe Cottage Hospital, Dulcie Pennington, of Guiting Power. No flowers, please.

EMBERTON.—On January 10, John James Emberton, C.M.G., M.C., aged 83, passed away peacefully at the Hindhead Nursing Home. Husband of the late Sybil Emberton and much loved father of Stephen and Miles.

EMERY.—On January 10th, 1976, Edgar Frank (suddenly) in the Isle of Man. Beloved husband of Joan, loving father of Susan, Roger and Nicholas, brother of Marjorie and Greta. Funeral for burial at 11 a.m., Wednesday, January 14th, 1976, at Lezayre Church, Ramsey, Isle of Man. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Post Graduate Centre, c/o Dr Pantin, Noble's Hospital, Douglas, Isle of Man.

GAISFORD.—On 12th January, 1976, Margaret Elspeth of Conynger, aged 78, only daughter of the late Brigadier General R. B. Gaisford C.B., C.M.G. and the late Mrs. Gaisford of Conynger Hurst, Pennington, nr. Ulverston.

GUINNESS.—On January 11, peacefully, at Dereham Hospital, the Rev. John F. G. Guinness, LL.B., M.A., A.M.I.C.E. Formerly vicar at Ludham, and Sheringham; rector of Starston, and at Diss. Funeral service at Diss Parish Church, Norfolk, on Friday, January 16 at 12 noon. No flowers. Retiring collection to Christian Aid.

HAINTON.—On Thursday, January 8th, 1976, Godfrey, of Trecorner, Stoke Climsland, Callington, Cornwall, Principal History Lecturer, College of St. Mark and St. John, beloved husband of Raymonde, father of Joanna and Julia, grandfather of Harriet. Private funeral. Memorial Meeting at Friends Meeting House, Swarthmore, Mutley Plain, Plymouth, on Saturday, January 24th, at 3 pm. No flowers, please. Donations, if desired to Royal National Lifeboat Institution, 21 Ebury Street, London, S.W.1.

HARTLEY.—On 11th January, peacefully, at home, Lucia, widow of Lister and beloved mother of Christopher and Dinah. Funeral at Putney Vale Cemetery, on Thursday, 15th January, at 2.45. No flowers.

LEATHER.—On January 10th, peacefully in hospital, Richard, adored husband of Margaret, father of Caroline and David. Funeral service 1.30 at St. Mary's, Streatley. Flowers may be sent to W. R. Bourton & Son, 1 Princes Street, Reading. Tel. 53825.

LEES.—On January 5th, at Tunstall Hall Nursing Home, Market Drayton, Gwendolen, wife of Lawrence W. W. Lees, mother of Anne and George. Cremation took place at Crewe on January 4. No flowers by request. Donations may be sent to British Home and Hospital for Incurables, Crown Lane, London, S.W.16.

DEATHS

KEAST.—On January 9th, 1976, peacefully in hospital, after a long illness, valiantly borne, Alan Richard Keast, M.Sc., D.I.C., A.R.C.S., A.R.I.C., in his 72nd year, of 24 Anne Boleyn's Walk, Cheam, Surrey, deeply loved and loving husband of Margaret (nee Calcott) and of the late Gertrude, beloved father of Colin and Paul, dear father in law of Rosemary and devoted grandfather of Christopher and Joy. Funeral service at St. Dunstan's Church, Cheam, on Friday, January 16th, at 3 p.m., followed by cremation at the North East Surrey Crematorium. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the Administrator, The Royal Marsden Hospital, Downs Road, Sutton, Surrey for Leukaemia Research.

LIDBETTER.—On 12th January at her house in York, Ethelwyn Lidbetter, widow of the late Hubert Lidbetter, peacefully, in her sleep, aged 93.

MALCOLM.—On 10th January 1976 at North Berwick, Michael Albert James, 10th Baronet. Funeral private. Service to be announced later. No letters, please.

MANN.—Gertrude Ada, 9, Bryngwyn Court, Hereford, passed away in the County Hospital, Sunday, January 11th, 1976. Beloved wife of Sid, devoted mother of Joyce, Ken and Brian and Nana of Kathleen, Colin, David and Susie. Family flowers only. If desired donations in Aid of Cancer Research may be sent to the Manager, Lloyds Bank, Hereford.

MARSHALL.—On January 9th, peacefully, Frances Mary, aged 85, of Tealby, Lincolnshire, widow of Captain Guy Marshall, R.N., and eldest surviving daughter of Thomas H. Mawson, F.L.S., F.R.I.B.A. Dearly loved sister, aunt and great aunt. Funeral Tealby Church, Wednesday, 14th January at 3.30 p.m. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the Lincoln Red Cross Society.

McNAUGHTON.—On 11th January, 1976, peacefully, Elaine Bruce (nee Fuller), of Brownlee by Carluke, wife of Alfred McNaughton, and mother of Robert Bruce Robertson — Shersby — Harvie. Funeral at Carluke on Thursday, 15th January, at 2.30 p.m.

MONBLOT.—On January 11, at Roehampton, Maurice Monblot, F.R.I.C., aged 73 years. Beloved husband of Ruth, loving father of Jacqueline, Raymond, Richard and Philip and adored brother of Lucette Brechard. Funeral private. No flowers or letters, by request.

MONRO.—On January 12th, Olive, Deaconess, Community of St. Andrew at the Abbey House, Malmesbury. Short service at the Abbey, 2 p.m., on Friday, January 16th. Cremation at 3 p.m. at Kingsdown Crematorium, Swindon.

MORTON.—On January 10th, 1976, at her flat, Elizabeth (Elsie) Morton in her 90th year. Late of 53 Greenhill, Hampstead and Limuru, Kenya. Cremation service at Golders Green on Friday, January 16th, at 11.20 a.m. Flowers may be sent to Leverton & Sons, Ltd., 181 Haverstock Hill, Hampstead. Memorial service on Saturday, January 24th, at the Friends Meeting House, Hampstead 11.30 a.m.

NORTON.—On January 10, 1976, suddenly, after a long illness bravely borne, Mickie, dearly beloved wife of Edward Richmond (George). Funeral at West London Crematorium, Kensal Rise, on Thursday, January 15, at 1 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Kenyons, 49 Marloes Road, W.8.

ORCHARD-LISLE.—On 11th January, 1976, Phyllis, most dear wife of Mervyn and loving mother of Paul, peacefully, in hospital. Service 11.30 a.m. Friday, 16th January, at Golders Green Crematorium. Inquiries to J. H. Kenyon Ltd. Tel. 01-723 3277.

PANTON.—On January 10th suddenly, Mike, dearly loved husband of Gianetta and father of David, Joanna and Charles, of Manor Cottage, Seend, Wilts. Cremation at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, on 15th January at 2.15 p.m. No flowers please, but donations to R. E. Benevolent Fund, Chatham.

SHANN.—On January 11th, at the Beverley Nursing Home, Cromer, Catherine Esme Alison Shann, M.B.E., C.St.J., widow of Edward Shann, and of Bernard Gaymer of Ollands, North Walsham, Norfolk. Funeral service St. Nicholas Parish Church, North Walsham, at 2.15 p.m., Saturday, 17th January. Family flowers only. If desired, donations to charity may be sent to the Rev. D. P. Maurice, The Vicarage, North Walsham.

SPENCE.—On 11th January, at University College Hospital, London, Robert Felix Bernard, dearly loved husband of Elsie, father of Robert and grandfather of Caroline and Suzanna. Of 1 Roundwood Gardens, Harpenden. Formerly of Reigate. Funeral 16th January. Inquiries to L. C. Weston, Funeral Director, Harpenden 2865.

STARKEY.—On 11th January, 1976, peacefully, at The Retreat, York, after a long illness, Georgiana Mary (nee Curzon), mother of Glen. Funeral service 11.00 a.m. Thursday, at Penn Church.

STUART.—On 9th January, 1976, as a result of an accident, Robert Lewis Charles, husband of Mary of Olives Manor, Wadhurst. Funeral will take place on Thursday, 15th January, at 12 noon, at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Wadhurst. Family flowers only.

TOWNEND.—On January 9th, 1976, Sir Harry, Kt. at his home, Park Grove, Withyham, Sussex. Funeral at St Michael's Church, Withyham, Sussex, on Thursday, 15th at 12.15. All flowers to the church. For all information concerning the funeral arrangements and transport facilities, please telephone A. Manktelow & Son Ltd., Groombridge 298.

USHER.—On 11th January, Phyllis de Voil (nee King), peacefully after a long illness courageously borne. Funeral 14th January, 1202 Provincial Towers, Wilkes-Barr, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. (Safe in the arms of Jesus.)

VAN DUIN.—On Monday, 12th January, peacefully, in hospital, Adrianus, of 1 Church Passage, Hastings. Beloved husband of Mary. Cremation at Hastings, on Wednesday. Memorial service to be held at The Dutch Church, Austin Friars, London, E.C.2, on Wednesday, 28th January, at 12.30 p.m.

WALKER.—On January 9th, at his home, Gilscroft, Bishop's Stortford, Percival Leslie Thomas, aged 75 years. Loved husband of Vi, brother of Marion and Ken. Service at Parndon Wood Crematorium, Harlow, on Thursday, 15th January, at 3.30 p.m. Family flowers only. Enquiries to F. Cannon & Sons, Bishop's Stortford 57922.

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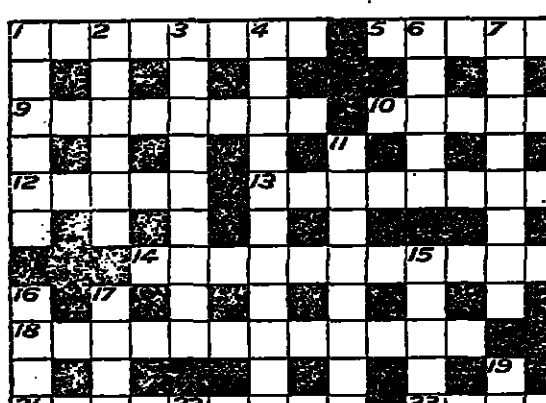


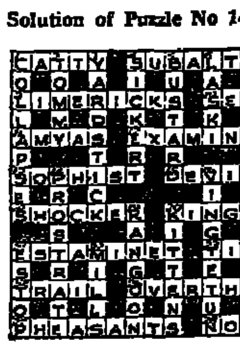
ACROSS

1 Ah, me, that's quick work, if boring (8).
5 Pie ruined by muddled account—sickening ! (6).
9 Sped wildly with lubricants in sacks (8).
10 Colourful burnt quarter in Italian city (6).
12 Occurrence remarked about in 'seventeen (5).
13 What's put to bed in Fleet Street ? (4-5).
14 Sidon Slate Co broke, merges (12).
18 Has no mouse in ? Perhaps thanks to descendant of Whittington's cat (7, 5).
21 Pest officers are suspicious (3, 1, 3).
23 Out with some terrible expletive ! (5).
24 In backing favourites you need something in a sock (6).
25 Lively range of old movie (8).
26 Girl unaffected by setback in France (6).
27 A writer's making assignment (8).

DOWN

1 Wind veers two points on the Mersey (6).
2 How to reduce the men to a thousand (6).
3 A defence point with one or another one is with reason stronger (1, 8).
4 Everyone including divers (3, 3, 6).
6 Goes regularly to and fro—in layers (5).
7 Constance Green's a good missionary (8).
8 Perhaps it's in the hunt we get beat (8).
11 Butterflies—or serpents symbolizing eternity ? (7-5).
15 I would turn to Edmund for a distributor (9).
16 Neglect nothing on the errand (8).
17 John involved Ned in fire-raising (8).
19 Self-possession with which father returns to see the doctor (6).
20 Offspring of Anguilla king among the little people (6).
22 I entered college after the colonel left, my lord (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 14,197



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